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Subject: Notification under Part H, Item 1 of Water Licence 2AM-DOH0713; Doris North Project, Nunavut; Modification for the Relocation and Construction of a Landfarm, Doris North Project

Dear Mr. Hanks;

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") acknowledges receipt on December 21, 2009 of a notification of the modification for the above project, complete with supporting documents. The notification was distributed to interested parties, January 6, 2010 for review, with comments from interested persons due no later than February 6, 2010.

The notification included the following:

- Cover letter indicating a notification of the construction of the Landfarm;
- SRK drawings issued for review, December 17, 2010;

In accordance with Part H, Item 1 of Licence 2AM-DOH0713, a notification is to be provided to the NWB at least sixty (60) days prior to the proposed beginning of the activities. The modification request was submitted due to a change from the design that was submitted with the application for the Type 'A' Licence with respect to the original location and design of the Landfarm facility.

During the review period, the NWB received comments¹ from the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA) and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). KIA provided recommendations to any approval granted, that included engineering supervision by the proponent's geotechnical consulting Engineer during the construction of the Landfill that would provide confirmation of underlying foundation and soil conditions, as-built survey drawings and management plan. INAC's submission indicated that there were no issues with the request and confirmed that the current design would not change the desired goal of treating recovered hydrocarbon contaminated soils through bioremediation. INAC agreed that required

¹ Kitikmeot Inuit Association, submission dated January 29, 2010; Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, submission dated February 5, 2010

submissions (that the Licensee had acknowledged to in the notification, with respect to a revised management plan and as-built drawings) were consistent with Licence conditions.

Although Environment Canada (EC) did not provide a submission with comments specific to this application, the NWB is in receipt of and is aware of, documentation in relation to the design and operation of other Landfarm facilities in the north, in particular a submission made with respect to the Windy Project (MHBL) and strongly recommends that the Licensee consult these documents and guidelines during construction and in the development of the revised Landfarm Management Plan. This document is attached for your reference.

The NWB accepts the proposed modification, encourages the inclusion of the EC guidelines in the revised Landfarm Management Plan and would like to highlight Licence conditions and requirements of this letter that apply to the modification and the facility, which are:

1. Part D, Item 22(c) regarding effluent quality limits for any discharge from the facility;
2. Part J, Item 18 regarding the geotechnical inspection of engineered facilities to be carried out annually between July and September;
3. As indicated in the cover letter, a revised Landfarm Management Plan was required under Part G, Item 14 for the initial design and location. Further to a letter received November 9, 2009 and based on the new location, new design and planned operational conditions, this Plan is to be provided to the NWB for review, at least **ninety (90) days prior** to the operation of the facility, or within **ninety (90) days** following completion of the modifications, whichever should occur first, and
4. Part H, Item 3 of the Licence requires the submission of as-built drawings, within ninety (90) days of completion of the modification, stamped by an Engineer.

This design, location and construction as provided for in the notification documents (and design drawings) is acknowledged through this letter as superseding the previously submitted and approved design, as described in the Licence under Schedule A – Definitions.

Should you have any questions or clarification with respect to the above, please feel free to contact the undersigned via email or phone (780) 443-4406, at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

David Hohnstein, C.E.T.
Director Technical Services

Attachment: Comments KIA
Comments INAC

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