



1. A specific amendment request, i.e. extending the Licence expiry date from June 30, 2008 to say October 31, 2008 to accommodate the period of discharge;

2. A request for the amendment to be expedited in accordance with subsection 55(2) on the basis that emergency circumstances exist;
3. The details of the emergency (sewage ponds collect runoff from the area and therefor have resulted in capacity issues that cannot be resolved without the discharge), photographic evidence that the physical structures are at risk and will continue to be unless immediate action is taken (eg. if breach does not occur prior to winter, it will be frozen, however spring thaw will without a doubt result in the failure of the structure, releasing contents in an uncontrolled manner);
4. The associated adverse environmental consequences;
5. Alternatives available to the Licensee should the amendment not be expedited, and the potential impacts to water (some items discussed were the pumping of sewage pond water to the TCA where additional capacity is available, and pumping of the water to the underground workings; possibly increasing the capacity of the lower pond which would be difficult given the time of season and the water elevations at present);
6. Provision of data that confirms that the amendment request will allow for the discharge of water from the Sewage Lagoon within current licence effluent quality limits; and
7. Confirmation that the release of the water will result in a release that is compliant with current licence parameters, will result in a considerable amount of the water being retained by the wetland system immediately downstream (until spring), minimal environmental impacts to water will result from this action.

Once the NWB has received the formal request, a decision can be made by the Board as to proceeding with the request as provided, or requesting additional information prior to proceeding.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (780) 443-4406, at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

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