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via Email to: licensingtrainee@nwb.nunavut.ca

## **RE:** Request of Dispose of Contaminated Soils underground at Lupin Mine (NWB1LUP)

Dear Richard:

The Department of Environment (DOE) has reviewed the request from Kinross to dispose of contaminated solids underground at Lupin Mine and has the following comments.

DOE questions why remediation techniques such as land farming are not be in considered in preference to storage in perpetuity. If soils were to be remediated to appropriate standards, they might be of value elsewhere in the restoration of the Lupin site.

Furthermore, DOE would also like information on the levels and types of contamination within the soils, as well as the volumes being considered for underground disposal.

We thank NWB for the opportunity to comment on this license application.

Yours sincerely,

## Original signed by

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