



RE: Initial Spill Notification - Baffinland - Mary River Project

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Good Morning William,

it has come to our attention that Baffinland has recently had an unauthorized discharge from hoses pumping Acidic water from the mine site to the Waste Rock Stockpile, we at CIRNAC would like some clarification on this activity.

- Please provide the approval that allows Baffinland to pump this waste water from the mine site into the Waste Rock Stockpile facility,
- How long has this activity been occurring, how much waste water was pumped out of this mine, how much waste water was spilt from the hoses?
- What actions were taken to recover the spilt waste water and remediate the affected areas?
- Why did Baffinland not submit a spill report or inform the Inspector when Part H, Item 9 of the Water Licence 2AM-MRY1325 clearly states that; If, during the period of this Licence, an unauthorized Discharge of Waste and/or Effluent occurs, or if such Discharge is foreseeable, the Licensee shall:
 - a. Employ as required, the Emergency Response Plan and the Spill Contingency Plan;
 - b. Report the incident immediately via the 24-Hour Spill Reporting Line (867) 920- 8130 and to the Inspector at (867) 975-4295; and
 - c. For each spill occurrence, submit a detailed report to the Inspector, no later than thirty (30) days after initially reporting the event, which includes the amount and type of spilled product, the GPS location of the spill, and the measures taken to contain, clean up and restore the spill site.

The failure to report this unauthorized discharge is a violation of the Act, subjecting the Licensee to the enforcement measures and the penalties provided in the Act, If you have any questions of concerns please contact me with the information below.

Regards,

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Hello,

Please find the attached initial spill report. The investigation is ongoing and further details of the incident will be provided in a follow-up report.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself, Connor Devereaux (x6016), Shawn Stevens (x6006) or Timothy Ray Sewell (x6054).

Kind regards,

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