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Re: Follow-up to Spill Reported on Oct 31<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Mary River Project - Water Licence No. 2AM-MRY1325

### Summary:

On October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013, at approximately 15:30h, a spill occurred at the Milne Port Sewage Treatment Facility during offloading of a truck transferring waste sewage effluent. During off-loading into the camp's main lift station, the lift station's pump engaged and pumped the contents of the tank over to the Sewage Treatment Plant. The influent screening equipment at the STP overflowed as a result of hydraulic overloading.

## Immediate and Follow-Up Action:

The line from the lift station to the STP was immediately closed and resources were deployed to clean up the spill. A conservative estimate of 1000 litres was discharged to the adjacent ground surface. Due to snow cover conditions, much of the effluent was absorbed by the snow which limited the impact area to 15 square meters and allowed for easy clean up. The contaminated snow and effluent was transferred to the Milne Exploration Phase Sewage PWSP (MP-MRY-04a). It was determined that the lift station pump moves higher volumes than the respective pumps in the sewage treatment facility. With this in mind, the floats in the lift station have been moved closer together to pump less volume, although on a more frequent cycle.

#### Recommendations:

Several corrective items are being investigated; a) install communication between the screening equipment to temporarily turn off the pumps at the lift station when levels are too high; b) install an overflow tank at the lift station so the problem is not backed up to over flow it, and; c) install communication to shut off the water supply to camp along with shutting off the lift station pumps.

#### **Current Status:**

One or more of the preferred options, above, will be selected and implemented.



Should you require further information or clarification on the above noted spill, please feel free to contact on Allan Knight or Trevor Myers at (647) 693-9447 or the undersigned at (902) 403-1337.

Sincerely,

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Attach: NT-NU SPILL REPORT

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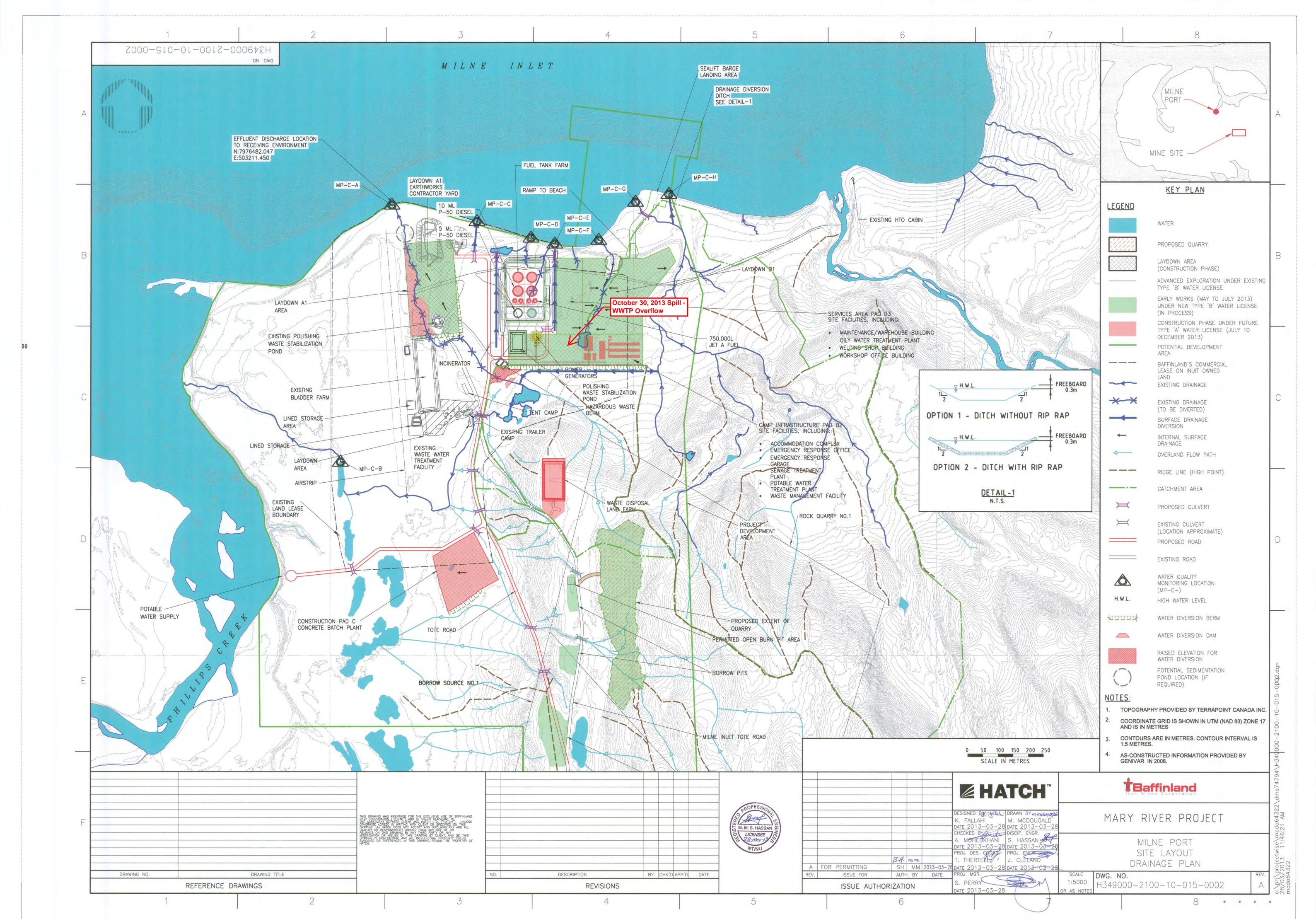




Figure 1. Sewage spill at Sewage treatment plant



Figure 2. Sewage spill cleaned-up