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### **Water License Renewal – Boston Mine**

I believe I provided comments on a similar KIA application for water use on the Boston Project last year at about this time. The concerns I had then revolved around the proper containment of fuels and lubricants at an acceptable distance from the water source in question.

Since that time I have had occasion to travel to the Boston Mine site twice to see the facilities and get an idea what the terrain is like in this area. There appears to be a genuine effort to comply with all licensing needs. One can see that the orderliness of all functions and the manner that material, drums, and other needs are stored are designed around the regulations the project works within.

One comment I would make is to further ensure safeguards are in place when potentially re-fuelling or even off loading any aircraft. As there is only an ice Airstrip in place for the bulk of the flights to this location, care must be shown when Aircraft are on the ice surface that is part of the drinking water provision of the license.

The operators of the Boston Mine have proven since their inception to be good corporate citizens working with the surrounding communities to provide economic opportunities and employment chances for a good number of Beneficiary people. Noting the general orderliness and lack of debris and refuse around I assume they are also good corporate citizens towards their responsibilities for the Environment.

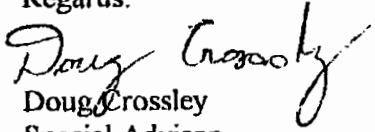
I feel their previous record with water use and towards other regulatory criteria under which they operate has achieved the required levels of compliance.

I do not have any undo concerns with approval of the 5 Year Water License request. Perhaps like as is the case for Municipalities and their compliance for similar licenses, we should ask the applicant for an annual report noting any issues and concerns with their operations for this need.

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