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## Re: August 2016 - Monthly Monitoring Report for Water Licence 2BB-BOS1217

This report is comprised of monitoring requirements as set out in Part J of water licence 2BB-BOS1217. Boston Camp was shut down in November 2011 and has not been reopened since that time. Activities at Boston are focussed on seasonal water management and licence compliance; the site remains in a Care and Maintenance status. Sampling locations monitored under this licence (seasonally or when facilities are operational) are provided in Figure 1.

## Part J Item 2: Water Use Volumes

No water was used as the camp was not operational.

### Part J Item 3: Minewater Discharge Volumes

Minewater was not pumped from underground during this period.

#### Part J Items 4 and 5: Sewage Disposal Facility Daily Effluent Discharge and Sewage Sludge

Effluent was not discharged at BOS-3 and no sludge was removed from the sewage disposal facility. The camp was not operational.

# <u>Part J Items 5: Daily Quantities of Effluent Discharged – Containment Pond, Bulk Fuel Storage and Landfarm</u>

A discharge notification for these facilities was provided to the Inspector on May 4, 2016. In August, 7 m³ of water was consolidated in Containment Pond (BOS-2C) from the Bulk Fuel Storage facility (BOS-5). This month 8 m³ was discharged to tundra from the Containment Pond (BOS-2C) and 93 m³ was discharged to tundra from the Portal (BOS-2P). No water was discharged from BOS-6 (Landfarm) this month.

# Part J Items 6 and 7: Water Source and Waste Disposal Coordinates

GPS coordinates of locations of water sources and waste associated with camp and drilling activities are kept on file. At this time, there are no water sources being used and no wastes being produced.

# Part J Items 8 and 11 (also Part D Items 9 and 19): Sampling at Containment Pond, Minewater, Bulk Fuel Storage, and Landfarm

Water samples were collected during discharge from BOS-2C (Containment Pond) and BOS-2P (Portal) facilities during the month. No samples were collected from BOS-5 (Bulk Fuel Storage) as this water was consolidated into the Containment Pond (BOS-2C), as has occurred in past years. BOS-2C was sampled after water was added from BOS-5, and is tested for parameter requirements of both BOS-2 and BOS-5 from Part

D, Item 19 of the licence. No samples were collected from BOS-6 (Landfarm); there was no water in this facility to sample. Results for all August sampling are presented in Tables 1 and 2 below.

All water in BOS-5 was pumped to Containment Pond BOS-2C for consolidation purposes. Water in the Containment Pond BOS-2C met the criteria for discharge to tundra from BOS-5 (Part D Item 19), BOS-2 (Part D, Item 9) and the criteria for lead authorized by the Inspector on July 20, 2015 (0.01mg/L). This lead criteria is below that for BOS-2 (which is 0.2 mg/L average), but above that of BOS-5 (0.001 mg/L).

Water in BOS-2P (Portal) was compliant with criteria from Part D, Item 9 of the licence for discharge to tundra. Authorization from the Inspector to discharge from this facility was received on May 4, 2016.

Table 1: Water Quality Data Summary for BOS-2C (Containment Pond), August 2016

| Sample ID                      |            |                    | BOS2C-14AUG16A          | BOS2C-14AUG16B <sup>1</sup> | Part D Item 9                 |                           |
|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ALS ID  Date Sampled           |            |                    | L1814245-1              | L1814245-2                  | Maximum                       |                           |
|                                |            |                    | 8/14/2016<br>1:30:00 PM | 8/14/2016<br>1:30:00 PM     | Maximum Average Concentration | Concentration in any Grab |
| Parameter                      | Units      | Detection<br>Limit | Water                   | Water                       | (mg/L)                        | Sample<br>(mg/L)          |
| Conductivity                   | μS/cm      | 2                  | 816                     | 810                         |                               |                           |
| Hardness (as CaCO3)            | mg/L       | 0.5                | 434                     | 430                         |                               |                           |
| рН                             | рН         | 0.1                | 7.35                    | 7.36                        | 6.0 - 9.5                     | 6.0 - 9.5                 |
| Total Suspended Solids         | mg/L       | 3                  | <3.0                    | <3.0                        | 25                            | 50                        |
| Alkalinity, Total (as CaCO3)   | mg/L       | 1                  | 69.5                    | 64.5                        |                               |                           |
| Nitrate (as N)                 | mg/L       | 0.025              | <0.025 *                | <0.025 *                    |                               |                           |
| Nitrite (as N)                 | mg/L       | 0.005              | <0.0050 *               | <0.0050 *                   |                               |                           |
| Sulfate (SO4)                  | mg/L       | 1.5                | 362                     | 362                         |                               |                           |
| Aluminum (Al)-Total            | mg/L       | 0.005              | < 0.0050                | < 0.0050                    |                               |                           |
| Antimony (Sb)-Total            | mg/L       | 0.0005             | 0.00209                 | 0.00234                     |                               |                           |
| Arsenic (As)-Total             | mg/L       | 0.0005             | 0.0306                  | 0.0296                      | 0.5                           | 1.00                      |
| Barium (Ba)-Total              | mg/L       | 0.02               | < 0.020                 | < 0.020                     |                               |                           |
| Beryllium (Be)-Total           | mg/L       | 0.001              | < 0.0010                | < 0.0010                    |                               |                           |
| Boron (B)-Total                | mg/L       | 0.1                | < 0.10                  | < 0.10                      |                               |                           |
| Cadmium (Cd)-Total             | mg/L       | 0.000005           | 0.0000093               | 0.0000116                   |                               |                           |
| Calcium (Ca)-Total             | mg/L       | 0.1                | 104                     | 103                         |                               |                           |
| Chromium (Cr)-Total            | mg/L       | 0.001              | < 0.0010                | < 0.0010                    |                               |                           |
| Cobalt (Co)-Total              | mg/L       | 0.0003             | 0.00503                 | 0.00412                     |                               |                           |
| Copper (Cu)-Total              | mg/L       | 0.001              | < 0.0010                | < 0.0010                    | 0.30                          | 0.60                      |
| Iron (Fe)-Total                | mg/L       | 0.03               | < 0.030                 | < 0.030                     |                               |                           |
| Lead (Pb)-Total                | mg/L       | 0.0005             | < 0.00050               | < 0.00050                   | 0.2/0.01^                     | 0.40                      |
| Lithium (Li)-Total             | mg/L       | 0.001              | 0.0142                  | 0.0132                      |                               |                           |
| Magnesium (Mg)-Total           | mg/L       | 0.1                | 42.6                    | 42.1                        |                               |                           |
| Manganese (Mn)-Total           | mg/L       | 0.0003             | 0.068                   | 0.048                       |                               |                           |
| Mercury (Hg)-Total             | mg/L       | 0.000005           | < 0.0000050             | < 0.0000050                 |                               |                           |
| Molybdenum (Mo)-Total          | mg/L       | 0.001              | < 0.0010                | < 0.0010                    |                               |                           |
| Nickel (Ni)-Total              | mg/L       | 0.001              | 0.0411                  | 0.0359                      | 0.50                          | 1.00                      |
| Potassium (K)-Total            | mg/L       | 2                  | 9.4                     | 9.4                         |                               |                           |
| Selenium (Se)-Total            | mg/L       | 0.00005            | 0.000105                | 0.000087                    |                               |                           |
| Silver (Ag)-Total              | mg/L       | 0.00002            | < 0.000020              | < 0.000020                  |                               |                           |
| Sodium (Na)-Total              | mg/L       | 2                  | 6.5                     | 6.5                         |                               |                           |
| Thallium (Tl)-Total            | mg/L       | 0.0002             | < 0.00020               | < 0.00020                   |                               |                           |
| Tin (Sn)-Total                 | mg/L       | 0.0005             | < 0.00050               | < 0.00050                   |                               |                           |
| Titanium (Ti)-Total            | mg/L       | 0.01               | < 0.010                 | < 0.010                     |                               |                           |
| Uranium (U)-Total              | mg/L       | 0.0002             | < 0.00020               | < 0.00020                   |                               |                           |
| Vanadium (V)-Total             | mg/L       | 0.0005             | < 0.00050               | < 0.00050                   |                               |                           |
| Zinc (Zn)-Total                | mg/L       | 0.005              | 0.0892                  | 0.0745                      | 0.50                          | 1.00                      |
| Oil and Grease                 | mg/L       | 5                  | <5.0                    | <5.0                        |                               | 15**                      |
| Oil And Grease (Visible Sheen) | <i>S</i> , | n/a                | NO                      | NO                          | No visible<br>sheen           | No visible sheen          |

|                             |       | Sample ID          | BOS2C-14AUG16A BOS2C-14AUG16B 1 |                | Part D Item 9 |                           |  |
|-----------------------------|-------|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------------|--|
| ALS ID                      |       |                    | L1814245-1 L1814245-2           |                | Maximum       | Maximum                   |  |
| Date Sampled                |       |                    | 8/14/2016<br>1:30:00 PM         | · · ·          |               | Concentration in any Grab |  |
| Parameter                   | Units | Detection<br>Limit | Water                           | Water Water Co |               | Sample<br>(mg/L)          |  |
| Phenols (4AAP)              | mg/L  | 0.001              | < 0.0010                        | < 0.0010       |               |                           |  |
| Benzene                     | mg/L  | 0.0005             | < 0.00050                       | < 0.00050      |               | 0.37**                    |  |
| Ethylbenzene                | mg/L  | 0.0005             | < 0.00050                       | < 0.00050      |               | 0.09**                    |  |
| Methyl t-butyl ether (MTBE) | mg/L  | 0.0005             | < 0.00050                       | < 0.00050      |               |                           |  |
| Styrene                     | mg/L  | 0.0005             | < 0.00050                       | < 0.00050      |               |                           |  |
| Toluene                     | mg/L  | 0.0005             | < 0.00050                       | < 0.00050      |               | 0.002**                   |  |
| ortho-Xylene                | mg/L  | 0.0005             | < 0.00050                       | < 0.00050      |               |                           |  |
| meta- & para-Xylene         | mg/L  | 0.0005             | < 0.00050                       | < 0.00050      |               |                           |  |
| Xylenes                     | mg/L  | 0.00075            | < 0.00075                       | < 0.00075      |               |                           |  |
| TPH10-32                    | mg/L  | 1                  | <1.0                            | <1.0           |               |                           |  |
| Acenaphthene                | mg/L  | 0.00001            | < 0.000010                      | < 0.000010     |               |                           |  |
| Acenaphthylene              | mg/L  | 0.00001            | < 0.000010                      | < 0.000010     |               |                           |  |
| Acridine                    | mg/L  | 0.00001            | < 0.000010                      | < 0.000010     |               |                           |  |
| Anthracene                  | mg/L  | 0.00001            | < 0.000010                      | < 0.000010     |               |                           |  |
| Benz(a)anthracene           | mg/L  | 0.00001            | < 0.000010                      | < 0.000010     |               |                           |  |
| Benzo(a)pyrene              | mg/L  | 0.00001            | < 0.0000050                     | < 0.0000050    |               |                           |  |
| Benzo(b)fluoranthene        | mg/L  | 0.00001            | < 0.000010                      | < 0.000010     |               |                           |  |
| Benzo(g,h,i)perylene        | mg/L  | 0.00001            | < 0.000010                      | < 0.000010     |               |                           |  |
| Benzo(k)fluoranthene        | mg/L  | 0.00001            | < 0.000010                      | < 0.000010     |               |                           |  |
| Chrysene                    | mg/L  | 0.00001            | < 0.000010                      | < 0.000010     |               |                           |  |
| Dibenz(a,h)anthracene       | mg/L  | 0.00001            | < 0.0000050                     | < 0.0000050    |               |                           |  |
| Fluoranthene                | mg/L  | 0.00001            | < 0.000010                      | < 0.000010     |               |                           |  |
| Fluorene                    | mg/L  | 0.00001            | < 0.000010                      | < 0.000010     |               |                           |  |
| Indeno(1,2,3-c,d)pyrene     | mg/L  | 0.00001            | < 0.000010                      | < 0.000010     |               |                           |  |
| Naphthalene                 | mg/L  | 0.00005            | < 0.000050                      | < 0.000050     |               |                           |  |
| Phenanthrene                | mg/L  | 0.00002            | < 0.000020                      | < 0.000020     |               |                           |  |
| Pyrene                      | mg/L  | 0.00001            | < 0.000010                      | < 0.000010     | _             |                           |  |
| Quinoline                   | mg/L  | 0.00005            | < 0.000050                      | < 0.000050     |               |                           |  |

Bold/shading indicates exceedance of applicable criteria (see footnote); however, no exceedances observed.

Table 2: Water Quality Data Summary for BOS-2P (Portal), August 2016

|                        | Sample ID   | BOS2P-14AUG16           | Part D Item 9                 |   |               |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------|
|                        | ALS ID      | L1814241-1              | 3.5                           | Maximum<br>Concentration<br>in any Grab |               |
|                        | ate Sampled | 8/14/2016<br>2:00:00 PM | Maximum Average Concentration |   |               |
| Parameter              | Units       | Detection<br>Limit      | Water                         | (mg/L)                                  | Sample (mg/L) |
| Hardness (as CaCO3)    | mg/L        | 0.5                     | 438                           |   |               |
| рН                     | рН          | 0.1                     | 7.94                          | 6.0 - 9.5                               | 6.0 - 9.5     |
| Total Suspended Solids | mg/L        | 3                       | <3.0                          | 25                                      | 50            |
| Aluminum (Al)-Total    | mg/L        | 0.005                   | 0.0863                        |   |               |
| Antimony (Sb)-Total    | mg/L        | 0.0005                  | 0.00284                       |   |               |
| Arsenic (As)-Total     | mg/L        | 0.0005                  | 0.17                          | 0.5                                     | 1.0           |
| Barium (Ba)-Total      | mg/L        | 0.02                    | < 0.020                       |   |               |
| Beryllium (Be)-Total   | mg/L        | 0.001                   | < 0.0010                      |   |               |
| Boron (B)-Total        | mg/L        | 0.1                     | 0.1                           |   |               |
| Cadmium (Cd)-Total     | mg/L        | 0.000005                | 0.00002                       |   |               |

<sup>\*</sup>Detection Limit Raised: Dilution required due to high dissolved solids/electrical conductivity.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Part D, Item 19 for the Bulk Fuel Storage Facility. Water was pumped from the Bulk Fuel Storage Facility to the Containment Pond to ensure maximum freeboard.

<sup>^</sup> Discharge criteria authorized by the Inspector on July 20, 2015.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Duplicate sample of BOS2C-14AUG16A.

| Calcium (Ca)-Total             | mg/L | 0.1     | 114        |                  |                  |
|--------------------------------|------|---------|------------|------------------|------------------|
| Chromium (Cr)-Total            | mg/L | 0.001   | < 0.0010   |                  |                  |
| Cobalt (Co)-Total              | mg/L | 0.0003  | 0.0611     |                  |                  |
| Copper (Cu)-Total              | mg/L | 0.001   | 0.0102     | 0.30             | 0.60             |
| Iron (Fe)-Total                | mg/L | 0.03    | 0.195      |                  |                  |
| Lead (Pb)-Total                | mg/L | 0.0005  | < 0.00050  | 0.20             | 0.4/0.001        |
| Lithium (Li)-Total             | mg/L | 0.001   | 0.0218     |                  |                  |
| Magnesium (Mg)-Total           | mg/L | 0.1     | 37.2       |                  |                  |
| Manganese (Mn)-Total           | mg/L | 0.0003  | 0.0736     |                  |                  |
| Molybdenum (Mo)-Total          | mg/L | 0.001   | < 0.0010   |                  |                  |
| Nickel (Ni)-Total              | mg/L | 0.001   | 0.232      | 0.50             | 1.00             |
| Potassium (K)-Total            | mg/L | 2       | 7          |                  |                  |
| Selenium (Se)-Total            | mg/L | 0.00005 | 0.00108    |                  |                  |
| Silver (Ag)-Total              | mg/L | 0.00002 | < 0.000020 |                  |                  |
| Sodium (Na)-Total              | mg/L | 2       | 58.9       |                  |                  |
| Thallium (Tl)-Total            | mg/L | 0.0002  | < 0.00020  |                  |                  |
| Tin (Sn)-Total                 | mg/L | 0.0005  | < 0.00050  |                  |                  |
| Titanium (Ti)-Total            | mg/L | 0.01    | < 0.010    |                  |                  |
| Uranium (U)-Total              | mg/L | 0.0002  | 0.00245    |                  |                  |
| Vanadium (V)-Total             | mg/L | 0.0005  | < 0.00050  |                  |                  |
| Zinc (Zn)-Total                | mg/L | 0.005   | 0.0068     | 0.50             | 1.00             |
| Oil and Grease                 | mg/L | 5       | < 5.0      |                  |                  |
| Oil And Grease (Visible Sheen) |      | n/a     | NO         | No visible sheen | No visible sheen |

Bold/shading indicates exceedance of lowest criteria listed within Part D Item 9; however no exceedances observed.

### Part J Item 9 and 10: Sewage Disposal Facility Effluent

No samples were taken from monitoring station BOS-3 or BOS-4 as the sewage disposal facility was not operational.

# Part J Item 12 and 13: Seepage Monitoring

Seepage at Boston (BOS-8) is monitored seasonally when water is available to sample. No water was available for sampling at BOS-8 seepage locations this month.

#### Part J Item 14 (also Part F Item 7): Under-Ice Water Quality Sampling

Not applicable as on-ice drilling did not occur pertaining to licence 2BB-BOS1217.

### **Incident Reporting**

No incidents pertaining to this licence occurred during this month.

Should there be any questions regarding this monthly report, please contact. John Roberts at John.Roberts@tmacresources.com.

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Figure 1. 2BB-BOS1217 SNP Monitoring Locations

