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**File No.: 2BB-MEA1828/J9**

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**RE: Water Licence No. 2BB-MEA1828, Interpretation of Part J Item 9**

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Dear Mr. Frenette:

Please accept the NWB response to your inquiry of July 4, 2018 regarding the interpretation of Part J Item 9 of the Water Licence 2BB-MEA1828.

Part J, Item 9 states:

*The Licensee shall establish background and post drilling water quality for pH, conductivity, temperature and dissolved oxygen at the nearest downstream water body to drill locations. Monitoring is to be done just prior to commencement of drilling and weekly thereafter, concluding one week after drilling has been completed and the site restored.*

The NWB would like to also note that Part J Item 11 of Licence states:

*Licensee shall establish baseline water quality conditions prior to drilling within thirty-one (31) metres of the ordinary High Water Mark as per Part F, Items 2 and 3. Monitoring shall include the following:...*

The NWB is of opinion that Items 9 and 11 are to be read and interpreted together. The objective of these conditions is to establish and compare the background and post-drilling water quality parameters stated above when drilling is conducted within 31 metres of high water marks of water-bodies.

Should you have any questions please contact the undersigned at 867 360 6338 (ext. 35) or [karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca).

Regards,

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