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Hi Deon,

In response to your email query, the proposed fuel berm is definitely being built on IOL land. In fact, it is land within a Commercial Lease with the KIA that has a very large Security Bond on it. We do not believe it should fall under INAC's new rules.

With respect to other comments in the INAC review and to comments from other reviewers, we are unsure of what exactly will be forthcoming in the NWB response. The reason for our uncertainty is that we had addressed only two items in our amendment (the fuel berm and land farm), yet it appears the reviewers are jumping on everything associated with the project. As such, a response to some of these are provided below and could be followed up with more details as required.

INAC – grey water discharge: As stated in the letter to the Minister (a copy of which was forwarded to your office), at no time did Comaplex discharge grey water directly to Meliadine Lake as the INAC Inspector alleges. We do however, recognize that the current wetland may be close to capacity and a new one is planned. We have bought a new wash car and water treatment plant for installation at camp this winter. This system will still require a wetlands sump (as they all do), which will be located in a new area south of the current one. This will be detailed in further correspondence.

INAC – land farm: Is the land farm a KIA land use issue or a NWB issue? The KIA asked us to pick up the soil and reclaim it, which we did (all on Commercial Lease IOL land), and the KIA were comfortable with what we did. This was a very small volume of weakly contaminated soil put on plastic, behind secondary (bermed) containment. The analyses that we had done, and submitted to all involved, on the soil in question clearly show the process worked. The INAC comments on this seem out of line with what was done and achieved. There is no further need nor plans for an additional land farm.

INAC - water flow meters: We intend to apply to the NWB for an amendment to exclude the INAC water meter demand from the extended license and to continue to supply accurate water usage measurements directly to the Inspector as requested. Our reasoning is that the INAC Inspector's methodology is flawed and is not an accurate measure of water usage and we feel the Minister's Office (as per the Deputy Minister's response letter) recognizes this.

EC – incineration of sewage: This process has worked well for more than 10 years. Samples show no adverse affects to the environment and we know there is total incineration of product. Kitchen garbage has just as high a moisture content in many instances and burns equally well. The incinerator was replaced just last year, so concerns on equipment damage and health risks seem alarmist, in our opinion. We do not understand why this process is also now being questioned. Also, to clarify, we did not say we would have the waste water treatment plant installed in the fall of 2008.

EC/DOE – water testing of sump water: In the absence of a fuel tank leak or spill in the berm itself, we question why we need to test water in the sump prior to discharge. The water in the sump will be clean rain/melt water. The sump is, in effect, Tertiary Containment - when does this stop? If there is a leak from

the fuel tanks, it is contained in the berm. We could use the berm itself as a land farm or skim the water off and then run it through the sump, which would then, of course, require lab testing prior to discharge. We do not see the point of testing clean rain or melt water. Rain or melt water in the sump would be discharged directly to the land.

KIA – ARD re-testing of waste rock: This item was addressed in a letter to the KIA and NWB dated October 24, 2008.

For your information, as our underground exploration program is now complete and no more underground work is planned for the near term, Comaplex will be applying for an extension of the Meliadine West water license, but in the reduced capacity of an exploration license (not a bulk sample license i.e. not BB). We realize we will need to continue to monitor the water and this will need to remain part of the license.

Let me know if there is anything else you require.

Regards,



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