

Hi Don,

As per our phone discussion yesterday and your request for clarification on certain matters, Comaplex provides the following information in response to some of the queries by interested parties in our water license renewal for the Meliadine West project.

Nunavut Department Culture, Language, Elders, Youth:

- All areas where drilling has been proposed for 2009 have already been surveyed (years ago) for archeological potential by third party experts in this field. Areas of concern have been identified and there are no plans for drilling in these areas. This includes detailed Traditional Knowledge work and maps. This work is well documented by WMC and has been submitted to the relevant authorities.

Nunavut Department of Environment:

- The waste water treatment plant was mobilized to the project in March 2009 and roughly positioned where it will be situated on a permanent basis. This area is in the lee side of the camp (downwind side) and as such was completely buried in snow until late June. Work on installation of the Biodisk could not begin until the snow had melted away. We have hired several 'experts' to assist us with the commissioning of the waste water treatment plant. These are notoriously finicky systems and we are doing all possible to ensure a smooth startup. Detailed plans will be forthcoming.
- As per our application for the water license renewal, a new wetlands sump area is planned for the camp and is being prepared to handle water coming out of the Biodisk system. The new sump is much larger than the old one. Detailed topographic surveying of the new wetlands sump area was recently completed (had to wait for the snow to melt). A preliminary drawing of the wetland sump is enclosed.
- We fully expect that the renewal license will specify the requirement for an updated Waste Management Plan that includes the Biodisk system and new wetlands.

Environment Canada:

- See above for operational information and setup of the waste water treatment plant. Having never used one of these systems, we are learning how exactly the system will work (in response to the EC question on flow volume fluctuations). The unit purchased can handle up to 165 men or so; we have ~30 in camp. Our understanding at this point is that the sludge will need to be cleaned out every couple of years. We intend to spread the nutrient rich sludge material on old drill sites to speed remediation (it is excellent fertilizer).
- At present, there are no plans for a winter operation at the site. If there is, it is quite effective to have the discharge pipe moved back and forth across the sump area on a frequent basis. This allows the warm water to percolate down into the sump to settle out – this also restricts ice damming.

INAC Water Resources Division:

Land Farm: At the time of the KIA's request to remove the contaminated soil (when we built the new lined fuel filling station), Comaplex was responding to a minor environmental situation as

directed by, and in consultation with, the KIA. This process of adaptive management was very effective in dealing with the issue (two samples of the soil were taken in the fall of 2008 and tested; one met CCME, the other just above CCME). Comaplex has requested that an independent third party re-sample the dirt piles in early July as a final check.

We were not aware of the need for a Waste License amendment and in hindsight, should have requested the amendment to build the thing from the NWB. The process worked and it is apparent that the soil, if not completely rehabilitated at the moment, soon will be. If this is the case, there would be no land farm on the property, just dirt on plastic. At this time, Comaplex sees no further need for an additional land farm or to add any soil to the one presently on site.

- In response to the 7 points in the INAC letter dated May 11, 2009:
  - 1) These compounds will be analyzed for with the latest testing.
  - 2) The present land farm sits on impermeable plastic lining, on a waste rock pad over 4 meters thick, in an area that is within a lined area of secondary containment already.
  - 3) Comaplex has requested that Golder send in a qualified person to re-sample the soils on the liner to obtain independent samples in early July.
  - 4) Samples taken in the fall of 2008 (data provided to all parties) show the hydrocarbons in the soil had aerated sufficiently to be very close to CCME standards (one sample below CCME and one just above). The soil remains on plastic, on a waste rock pile, in an area where runoff is controlled.
  - 5) The soil had a very minor amount of diesel fuel spilled on it.
  - 6) The soils were turned numerous times last year. Several of our people have worked for environmental companies and are well aware of procedures for soil reclamation.
  - 7) When Comaplex builds the lined fuel berm, it will have capacity for not only the present number of fuel bladders, but also drums on the property and potential room for a small future land farm should one ever be needed again in the future.
- Comaplex is unsure of what the NWB would like Comaplex to do with the land farm situation. If the soil on the liner is now totally clean, as could be determined with the latest independently taken samples, applying for an amendment is almost a mute point at this time, although we would do so if requested by the NWB. As stated previously, our haste to fix the problem may be the problem in this case and it was never our intention to contravene Section 12 of the NWNSTRA. We thought, as did the KIA, that putting the weakly contaminated soil on plastic within an area of control was appropriate at the time. We understand the Water Inspector's attention to procedure, but request guidance from the NWB on how to proceed.

Waste Water Treatment Plant: We are working to get the unit operational as soon as possible. See previous comments in EC and DOE Nunavut sections.

Water Meters: Comaplex continues to maintain that water meters installed on the intakes for the camp supply and at the drills will not measure water usage, as we work on a flow through water system to prevent freezing of pipes. Comaplex is investigating if a water meter can be installed on the line off of the main holding tanks that feeds the camp. This will provide water usage for the camp. As per our explanation to the Minister, the NWB, and the Inspector in previous documents, we continue to maintain

that flow meters on the intakes at the drills will provide a meaningless number that is not water usage (most of the water runs off the side of the mud tanks, down the hill, and right back into the same or nearest lake). We would like to work with the NWB to make necessary changes in time as conditions warrant. Please advise on how you would like us to proceed.

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