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Subject: NWB2MRY - Mary River water license

Hi David,

I am in the process of finalizing my review on the Mary River water license amendment, and I have a quick question for you. The application includes a letter from Michael Zurowski dated March 13, 2005. The letter states that Mr. Zurowski was going to forward "reviews by Environment Canada which approves use of the material [EK-35] for gravel airstrips". Did you ever receive this information? I've been doing some inquiring (hence the reason my review is late!) regarding this binding agent, and I haven't been able to find any evidence that EC has "approved" the product for use. Typically, EC does not endorse or approve products for use in Canada, so this statement caught me a bit by surprise.

Also, as an FYI, I will be contacting Baffinland Iron Mines Corp. regarding this product. If the product contains any substances that are considered "new substances" under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, the product will have to undergo a risk assessment prior to its use in Canada. I'm not sure if this has already been completed, so I need to do some further investigating on this. Therefore, at this point in time, the review letter will not include any comments on the use of this product.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please give me a call or send me an email. Thanks David!

Cheers,
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