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Subject: NWB2ASH – Ashton Mining (NWT) Ltd. – Abandonment and Restoration Plan

MESSAGE:

Phyllis,
Please find attached Environment Canada's comments on the above-mentioned file. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


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Re: NWB2ASH – Ashton Mining (NWT) Ltd. – Abandonment and Restoration Plan

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned application. The following comments are provided pursuant to Environment Canada's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Ashton Mining (NWT) Ltd. has submitted an Abandonment and Restoration Plan relative to all Ashton properties, campsites and activities contained within National Topographic System maps 86I, 86P, 76L and 76M, located in the Kitikmeot region. The A & R Plan would address three camps, each with a capacity of 8-12 people and would encompass activities such as mapping, prospecting and drilling.

Environment Canada has the following comments and recommendations regarding the submitted A & R Plan:

1. If sumps were used to contain drilling waste, camp sewage and/or greywater, these shall be backfilled as a part of this A & R Plan and recontoured to match the surrounding landscape.
2. Environment Canada recommends the use of an approved incinerator to dispose of combustible materials.
3. All other non-combustible materials, i.e., scrap metal, discarded machinery and parts, barrels and kegs, and building material shall be removed as part of this A & R Plan.

If there are any changes in the proposed project, EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 669-4708 or by email at ivy.stone@ec.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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