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Re: Amendment Application - De Beers Canada Inc. - Baffin North Central Project - 2BE-BAF0611

On behalf of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND), I have reviewed the Water Licence Amendment Application submitted by De Beers Canada Inc. In reviewing this file, all documents posted on the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) ftp-site associated with this application have been considered.

INAC requests the proponent clarify Section 5 of the Exploration / Remote Camp Supplementary Questionnaire. Section 5 indicates the application is for a multi-year licence. However, the date range provided is for April 15, 2007 to September 1st, 2007.

All sumps, whether for the disposal of sewage, greywater or drilling wastes, shall be positioned at least 30 m from the high water mark of nearby water bodies. Furthermore, all sumps shall be backfilled and contoured to match the surrounding landscape prior to the end of the project's field program.

Section 25 of the Exploration / Remote Camp Supplementary Questionnaire requires the proponent to describe the types, quantities and method(s) of storage of fuel and chemicals on site and provide MSDS sheets. INAC requests that all requested information be provided to the Nunavut Water Board in advance of licence issuance.

The reporting thresholds found in the Spill Contingency Plan (SCP) should be amended to one litre or greater for all substances. Furthermore, the SCP should make reference to the Nunavut Spill Report Line and provide a copy of the Nunavut Spill Report Form in the project's Spill Contingency Plan. This form can be retrieved from the Nunavut Water Board public registry at <http://nunavutwaterboard.org>. Please note that the 24-hour Spill Report Line telephone number is (867) 920-8130 and facsimile number is (867) 873-6924. Also, Peter Kusugak should be included as an initial contact for INAC (867) 975-4295.

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Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4548 or by email at BathoryS@ainc-ianc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Stephen Bathory
Regional Coordinator