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**RE: NWB2CRA – Committee Bay Resources Ltd. – Amended Spill Contingency Plan**

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned application. The following specialist advice has been 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*.

Committee Bay Resources Ltd. has submitted their amended spill contingency plan for review, as required under their current water license NWB2CRA0305. The spill contingency plan applies to both the Hayes Camp and the Bullion Camp. The Dore Camp was not established has indicated in their original amendment due to time and financial constraints.

Environment Canada recommends that the following items be included in the spill contingency plan:

- All fuel caches shall be located above the high water mark of any waterbody and in such a manner as to prevent the contents from entering any waterbody frequented by fish. Further, when storing barreled fuel on location, EC recommends the use of secondary containment, such as self-supporting insta-berms, rather than relying on natural depressions.
- The spill contingency plan should list those camps to which the spill contingency plan applies. For example, Section 2.0, Facilities, currently indicates that no camp facilities have been established at this time. This section should list both the Bullion and Hayes Camps.
- The Environment Canada Nunavut Iqaluit contact should be changed to indicate that the Enforcement/Emergencies Officer should be contacted in the case of a spill. The appropriate contact telephone number is (867) 975-4644.
- Section 6.1, Before the Fact: Preventative Measures, should include the use of drip pans, or other similar preventative measure, when refueling equipment on site.
- Section 6.4.1, Procedure for Spills on Water, indicates that a skimmer may be brought on-scene to aid in the capture of hydrocarbon spills. The spill plan should clearly indicate contact information for where a skimmer, and other response equipment not available on site, can be obtained.
- Section 10.0 Camp Contacts, provides a contact number for the Hayes Camp. Alternate contacts should be provided in the event that the primary contacts are not available.

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) 975-4639 or by email at [colette.meloche@ec.gc.ca](mailto:colette.meloche@ec.gc.ca).



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Yours truly,

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