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Good morning all,

NIRB received a land use application from KivIA for Uravan's Garry Lake project on March 14, 2008. Positive conformity determination was received by NIRB on April 1, 2008. Additional info was requested from the Proponent for screening purposes and received on April 14, 2008. During the course of the screening the NWB was contacted to advise NIRB was screening the Uravan file, and a request was made to hold issuance of the water licence amendment until completion of NIRB screening.

NIRB received comments on April 23, 2008 from GN and BQCMB for this file, raising concerns related to cumulative effects and recommending very strict wildlife terms and conditions should the project be allowed to proceed. The BQCMB had been raising their concern about several exploration projects being permitted in Special Management Areas (SMA), so our Board had a teleconference for this file because of their concern about the cumulative effects from projects in these areas. The Board decided on an 12.4.4(a) decision with very strict recommendations (i.e. no further developments to be allowed to occur in these areas until the merits of creating the Special Management Areas have been concluded by the Parties).

The NIRB requested an extension from the Minister for the Uravan file to allow for an additional round of commenting by Parties. A more encompassing distribution list was created, and an invitation to comment was distributed, requesting parties input on:

- the propriety of making decisions on projects in areas with unfinished Thelon Game Sanctuary Plan and SMAs; and
- the potential for cumulative impacts in the region

The Board advised parties of the options provided for by section 12.4.4, and requested they review the Uravan file again and provide their comments by Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Following receipt of these comments, the Board will finalize its decision regarding this file at the board meeting on June 11-12.

If anyone requires more information regarding the NIRB screening for the Uravan file, please don't hesitate to ask me!

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