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Re: Hope Bay Joint Venture - Water Licence Renewal - NWB2HOP0002 - Hope Bay Belt - Windy Lake Camp

The Hope Bay Joint Venture is seeking a five year licence renewal (NWB2HOP0002) for water use and waste disposal associated with a remote exploration camp in the Kitikmeot region. On behalf of Environment Canada (EC) I offer the following comments for your consideration.

Environment Canada has no concerns with the request for a license renewal. However as highlighted in the water use inspection report October 15, 2001 there were numerous small spills on record. EC recommends that the proponent look at developing further preventative measures in order to reduce the frequency of spills as the effects of numerous small spills over time must be considered.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4639 with any questions or comments regarding the foregoing.

Yours truly,

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