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RE: INSPECTORS DIRECTIVE AT WINDY LAKE AND BOSTON CAMPS

Dear Mr. Wilson,

This letter is to follow Jordan's recent visit (August 2nd, 2000) to the Hope Bay Joint Venture project site. During his visit he indicated that there were fish habitat concerns related to activities at both the Windy Camp and Boston Camp.

The Windy Camp is situated within 5 m of the high water mark of Windy Lake. Due to its proximity to the lake the camp poses threats to fish habitat. These activities include:

- Excavation and use of a burn pit in the littoral zone below the high water mark.
- Disposal of waste oil in an incinerator situated within 20 m above the high water mark. There was evidence of spilled fuel adjacent to the incinerator.
- Improper storage of fuel in 45 gallon drums situated within 4 m of the high water mark.

At the Boston Camp Jordan noticed seepage towards Spyder Lake, originating from the settling pond and adjacent ore storage pad areas. The surface berm of the southern most settling pond had partially washed away, diminishing its effectiveness to control suspended solids prior to discharge.

There is a risk that fish habitat may be impacted due to the aforementioned factors. Under the *Fisheries Act*, it is an offence to deposit deleterious substances into fish bearing water and/or harmfully alter, disrupt or destroy fish habitat. Fish habitat includes stream and lake beds, and banks.

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Appropriate measures to clean up the Windy Lake site should be undertaken, including:

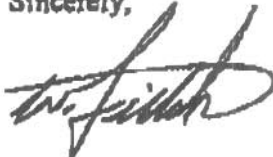
- Removing and containing contaminated soil in the burn pit.
- Removing and containing contaminated soil adjacent to the incinerator.
- Moving the incinerator to a distance at least 30 m above the high water mark.
- Fuel storage and waste disposal should not occur within 30 m of the high water mark of any waterbody.

At the Boston site the following mitigation measure should be implemented:

- The berm of the settling pond should be repaired immediately to prevent seepage.

It is ultimately the proponent's responsibility to ensure that appropriate measures are undertaken to clean up the site. If you have any questions Re: Inspectors Directive at Windy Lake and Boston Camps, please contact us at (867) 979-8000 or by fax at (867) 979-8039.

Sincerely,



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