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Re: 2BE-HOP0712 Notification of Effluent Discharge from Fuel Containment Facility HOP-5

Dear Eva and David.

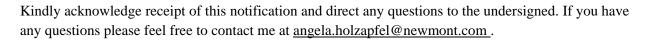
Please be advised that HBML, under Part D: Item 17 of the Hope Bay Regional Exploration Type B Water Licence, is providing written notice to the Inspector prior to a planned discharge of accumulated snow melt water from the decommissioned Fuel Containment Facility HOP-5 at Windy Camp.

Samples collected on May 10, 2012 were compliant with the effluent quality standards for discharge as specified in the licence (Table 1). The full lab report is attached.

Table 1. Results of Monitoring Program Station Sampling for HOP-5, Windy Fuel Containment Area

Parameter/SNP Sites	HOP-5	2BE-HOP0712
ALS Lab Reference #	L1146556	Maximum Average Concentration (mg/L)
Field Sample Details	HOP-5	Part D: Item 17
Sample Date/Time	May 10, 2012 @ 19:38hrs	No Requirement Specified
Oil & Grease	<1.0	15
Benzene	< 0.00050	0.37
Toluene	< 0.00050	0.002
Ethylbenzene	< 0.00050	0.09
Lead	0.00050	0.001

Water will be discharged on the tundra immediately outside of the containment berm in a manner that prevents erosion at the point of discharge or downstream. The estimated volume for discharge is 165 m³ from HOP-5. The actual volume of water removed from the berm will be recorded for regulatory reporting purposes.



Sincerely,

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cc. Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board