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Dear Mrs. Beaulieu:

Re: SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN and ABANDONMENT & RESTORATION PLAN WEST KITIKMEOT PROJECT – WATER LICENSE RENEWAL "TYPE B"

The Department of Environment (DOE), Government of Nunavut has reviewed the Spill Contingency Plan and Abandonment & Restoration Plan for the West Kitikmeot Project, Strongbow Exploration Inc., Nunavut". This report was submitted to the NWB under Strongbow Exploration Inc. application for a "Type B" water license renewal.

## **Comments/Recommendations:**

## **Spill Contingency Plan:**

- 1) Strongbow Exploration must provide contact names, addresses, and a 24 hr phone number for the persons in charge for activating the spill contingency plan.
- The proponent should provide locations and contents of the spill kits. This would ensure that each kit contains enough materials for the workers to respond to minor spills.
- 3) The proponent must provide the workers with adequate training for spill response and clean up. A sound training program is necessary when dealing with an emergency situation.
- 4) Strongbow exploration should provide contact names and numbers for local heavy equipment contractors and emergency response (hospital, fire department, police etc) that may be called upon to assist in responding to spills.
- 5) A NWT/Nunavut Spill Report Form should be included in the contingency plan.



## **Abandonment and Restoration Plan:**

- 1) The proponent should provide a brief introduction of the site including the history, location, type of exploration, and an inventory of all infrastructure and equipment that is stored on site.
- 2) Strongbow Exploration should provide a site map showing the locations of all buildings, fuel and chemical storage, spill kits, and drill sites located on site. GPS or UTM coordinates should also be included in the site map to show the location of the camp with respect to other communities.
- 3) The proponent should provide a list and quantities of all fuels and chemicals that will be brought on site, or have already been stored on site. MSDS for all fuels and chemicals should be placed in a central location for easy access in the event of a spill.
- 4) Strongbow Exploration should provide contact names, numbers, and addresses of the owner, management, and site supervisor. The names and numbers of local heavy equipment contractors and clean up specialists should also be included into the plan in the event of a large spill.
- 5) Cap and cover or backfill all drill holes, and re-contour any disturbed areas to allow for natural re-vegetation.
- 6) The proponent must check for soil contamination due to fuel and chemical spills. All contaminated soils must be treated and disposed off properly, either on site or at a registered facility.

We thank the NWB for giving us the opportunity to review the Spill Contingency Plan and Abandonment & Restoration Plan for Strongbow Exploration Inc., Nunavut. Please contact me if you have any further questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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