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**RE: NWB2BE-REG – REGAN LAKE EXPLORATORY PROJECT WATER
LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION**

Dear Phyllis:

The Department of Environment (DOE) has reviewed the water license renewal application from Strongbow Exploration Inc. for conducting gold and base metal exploration near Regan Lake, and has the following comments and recommendations.

1. SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN:

Based on the Government of Nunavut *Spill Contingency Planning and Reporting Regulations* and *A Guide to the Spill Contingency Planning and Reporting Regulations*, the DOE has one comment to make:

- Once the camp location is decided, and a site map should be re-submitted. The map should be to scale and be large enough to include site location, nearby buildings, roads, culverts, drainage patterns, and any nearby bodies of water.
- The DOE, Environmental Protection Service (EPS) monitors the movement of hazardous wastes, from generators, carriers to receivers, through a tracking document (Waste Manifest). A Waste Manifest must accompany all movements, and all parties must register with the EPS. There is no mention of this procedure in the spill plan.

2. ABANDONMENT & RESTORATION PLAN

Based on the *Mineral Exploration Guidelines for Saskatchewan* (2005), DOE has the following recommendations to make:

- For camps of more than 10 people, it is recommended that a forced air incinerator be used to manage wastes. Once again maintaining a high

temperature burn to reduce wastes is imperative. Kitchen wastes, cardboard, paper products, packaging and untreated wood wastes are suitable for burning in a draught barrel and a forced air incinerator.

- Final inspections of the entire site should be conducted by the proponent and a lead agency to make sure that all areas of the site have been reclaimed as much as possible to its previous condition. Soil samples and pictures before and after the project would make this process easy on the proponent and leading agencies involved in determining areas of concern.

We thank NWB for giving us the opportunity to review and provide comments on the Strongbow's water license renewal application near Regan Lake. Please contact us if you have any further questions or comments.

Yours sincerely,

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