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RE: Water Licence 2BE-STO1520 Compliance Assessment Status Report

Hello Mr. Dwyer,

Water Licence 2BE-STO1520, which was renewed and amended on June 2, 2015 and a Licence Assignment was granted on July 13, 2016, has undergone a compliance assessment on April 30, 2020. This report outlines the single non-compliant item identified. Please see the attached Aston Bay Water Licence Compliance Assessment for a complete list of items.

Water Licence 2BE-STO1520 Part F: Conditions Applying to Drilling Operations, Item 2 states:

The Licensee shall dispose of all drill waste, including water, chips, muds and salts (CaCl₂) in any quantity or concentration, from land-based drilling, in a properly constructed sump or an appropriate natural depression located at a distance of at least thirty one (31) metres from the ordinary high water mark of any adjacent water body, where direct flow into a water body is not possible and no additional impacts are created.

Non-Compliant Item: Upon the most recent inspection, July 25, 2018, it was determined the previous inspector and the licensee had agreed to deposit drill cuttings in porous boulder fields.

Proposed Remedial Action: Discontinue the practice of depositing drill cuttings into boulder fields and use sumps.

Aston Bay is committed to upholding exemplary environmental standards. The non-compliance was founded in direction from a previous inspector and will be remediated with the updated recommendations from the 2018 inspection.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns or for additional information.

Sincerely,



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