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**Re: Major General Resources Ltd. - Water Licence Amendment - NWB2TAH0103 -
NIRB File 02EA068 - Mineral Exploration - Tahoe Lake Area**

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC) I have reviewed the above amendment request for the addition of on-ice drilling and offer the following comments for your consideration.

- Condition D.3 of the water licence issued July 11, 2001 to Major General Resources Ltd. covers concerns with the use of drilling additives.
- For lake-based winter drilling, the Interim Guidelines for On-Ice drilling will apply. Return water released to the lake must be non-toxic, and not result in an increase in total suspended solids in the immediate receiving waters of the lake above Canadian Council of Ministers for the Environment Guidelines for the Protection of Freshwater Aquatic Life (i.e. 10 mg/L for lakes with background levels under 100 mg/L, or 10% for those above 100 mg/L).

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 669-4735 with any questions or comments regarding the foregoing.

Yours truly,

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