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Re: Comments on Fuel Contingency Plan for Drill Sites and Exploration Camps - Water Licence NWB2TAH0101

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the above noted water license NWB2TAH0101 Fuel Spill Contingency Plan. The comments provided for the above water license have been made pursuant to EC's mandated responsibilities under Section 36 of the Fisheries Act, the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) and the Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA).

Major General Resources Ltd. have submitted a Fuel Spill Contingency Plan for Drill Sites and Exploration Camps as a part of their original water license application.

Proponent neglected to:

- provide the telephone number for the NWT 24 Hour Spill Line (867-920-8130);
- indicate the number of spills kits to be present for both the drill sites and camp.

The following conditions should be applied throughout all phases of the project.

- The proponent shall ensure that any drill cuttings, chemicals, fuel or wastes associated with the
 proposed project do not enter waters frequented by fish.
- EC encourages proponents, when storing barreled fuel at a location, to use a secondary containment
 rather than relying on "natural depressions". Self supporting insta-berms are available from various
 suppliers within Canada.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4639 with any questions or comments regarding the foregoing.

Yours truly,

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