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Sent: Wednesday, March 12, 2008 8:43 PM
To: Ferg McDonnell(Tahera-EXP)
Cc: Phyllis Beaulieu; Dwyer, Richard
Subject: Re: Polar/Tak licenses

Thanks for the email Ferg,

Your comments on the reviews provided by the other parties is greatly appreciated and will be taken into account during the final tech review of the applications. You have indicated that there are no programs identified/planned for the 2008 season at the camps involved. With this in mind, and the current workload upon the NWB with the new exploration season coming up full swing, I would like to assign these files a low priority until later on in the spring when the workload is expected to subside, and the NWB will hopefully be bringing on new staff to address the volume of reviews to be completed.

Please feel free to contact myself or the licensing dept (either phyllis or Richard 867-360-6338) for an update on the files in the future.

Regards,

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From: [Ferg McDonnell\(Tahera-EXP\)](#)
To: dts@nunavutwaterboard.org
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2008 12:17 PM
Subject: Polar/Tak licenses

Hi David,

Thanks for the information/chat earlier. I've read the comments for our Water license application, and have a few comments on them below which should hopefully keep the ball rolling. It sounds like you are busy and short staffed so please keep in mind that we are not planning to go into either camp any time soon...but I'm still hoping we can get the licenses issued soon.

- INAC comments on Polar:
 - Spill report form is attached to paper copies posted in camp, was not attached to electronic copy but is on hand
 - Updated phone number for Muskox camp is unavailable since it is not in use and numbers are not issued until camp is getting prepped for opening
 - We will update quantities of lubricants and greases when we are next in camp. Currently it is a nominal amount allowing for start up/initial work
 - We will update Diamond Drill site spill kit information if (when) we plan to drill, depending on drill site setup. As a minimum, a large barrel spill kit is put with each drill however different programs have different configurations
- NWB comments on Polar
 - Incinerator: we currently have and use a forced air incinerator. Not sure if the comment was general or specific to our program. We also sort garbage.
 - Advice on fuel storage duly noted and appreciated

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- Abandonment and Restoration: drill sumps...we only use sumps for inert drilling fluids
 - We are in the habit of inspecting sites, particularly during freshet
- INAC comment on Tak
 - Spill form not included on electronic copy submitted but is attached to field manuals etc as above
 - Other comments identical to INAC comments on Polar
 - Clerical errors will be updated
- NWB comments on Tak
 - Camp incinerator: We will upgrade our incinerator appropriately in the case of a program. Although we are reapplying for regulatory approval to do work in the camp, we have no plans or budgets to do anything in Tak but will implement incinerator recommendations if we do
 - Spill plan methodology advice noted and appreciated
 - Likewise abandonment and restoration plans

David, we currently have no programs planned in these camps for 2008. The recommendations seem to fall into clerical issues, and some operational advice. We can certainly implement these moving forward. Do you require e-documents resubmitted with clerical corrections for license renewal, or can we just note in the license that these need to be implemented for it to take effect.

The reason I ask this is that I am completely tied up at the Jericho mine, and dealing with demob/winter road/shutdown issues. That said, I was hoping to get the license issue wrapped up quickly. If there's any way I can work with you guys to make it happen, or if you require more from our end to proceed, please let me know.

Regards,

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