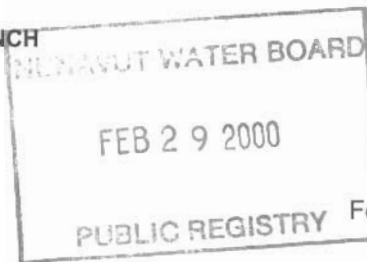


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**Rocking Horse Project, NWB2TAK and Hood River Project, NWB2JAM**

I am responding to your letter, dated January 24<sup>th</sup> 2000, regarding a water licence renewals (NWB2TAK and NWB2JAM) by Kennecott Canada Corporation.

I noted the applicant intends to:

- Utilize a settling tank for handling drill cuttings when operating on ice and dispose of sediment in natural on-land depressions located at least 30 metres from water bodies.
- Scrap ice surface clean after removal of drill rigs.
- Remove non-combustible materials from the project site.
- Remove hazardous waste from the site.
- Remove empty fuel drums.

These actions are fully supported.

Given that the project facilities are expected to support an exploration program for many years, and up to 24 employees may be on site during the active summer months, the applicant should be encouraged to install bio-toilet type technology. Utilizing such technology would not only help maintain the quality of the local environment but would also represent a positive measure from a human health perspective.

Given the quantity of stored fuel and hope that the exploration program will continue for some time, the applicant should be encouraged to install drip pans and/or absorbent matting under areas prone to small but frequent fuel spills. As well, the applicant should be encouraged to consider the use of portable, self-contained fuel berms.

I noted the applicant intends to utilize a sump for grey water disposal. The applicant should be encouraged to maintain the pit to some engineering standard so it enhances the degradation of organic material and dispersion of liquids.

Please call (669-4737) should you wish to discuss the comments.

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