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**RE: NWB2BE-TRE – STRONGBOW GOLD & BASE METAL EXPLORATION
WATER LICENSE APPLICATION**

Dear Richard:

The Department of Environment (DOE) has reviewed the water license application from Strongbow Exploration Inc. for conducting exploratory drilling for gold and base metal, and has the following comments and recommendations.

SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN:

Based on the Government of Nunavut *Spill Contingency Planning and Reporting Regulations* and *A Guide to the Spill Contingency Planning and Reporting Regulations*, the DOE has the following comments to make:

- An updated map that will be submitted at a later date by the proponent, should be large enough to include site location, nearby buildings, roads, culverts, drainage patterns, and any nearby bodies of water.
- All fuel storage containers should be situated in a manner that allows easy access and removal of containers in the event of leaks or spills. Large fuel caches in excess of 20 drums should be inspected daily.
- Detailed clean-up techniques for the removal of contaminants in the events of spills in different environments (i.e. on land, on snow, on ice or in water) should be included.
- The DOE, Environmental Protection Service (EPS) monitors the movement of hazardous wastes, from generators, carriers to receivers, through a tracking document (Waste Manifest). A Waste Manifest must accompany all movements, and all parties must register with the EPS. There is no mention of this procedure in the spill plan.

We thank NWB for giving us the opportunity to review and provide comments on the Strongbow's water license application. Please contact us if you have any further questions or comments.

Yours sincerely,

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