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RE: 2BE-TUK1015 Advanced Exploration Inc – Amendment Type “B” – Qikiqtani Region

Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned amendment application as submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act 1999*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Advanced Exploration Inc. is applying for an amendment to Type ‘B’ water license 2BE-TUK1015 from the NWB. The requested amendment is to allow the redistribution of water use currently permitted between camp use and drilling use from 3 m³/day and 180 m³/day to 10 m³/day and 173 m³/day, respectively. The amendment does not change the total daily allowance which would remain at 183 m³/day.

Based on the information provided, EC does not have any comments at this time regarding this amendment so long as the proponent is in compliance with the conditions of the existing water license. Comments previously submitted on behalf of EC on 21 May 2010 regarding water license 2BE-TUK would still apply (see attached) If there are any changes to the proposed project, EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4631 or by email at Paula.C.Smith@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,



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