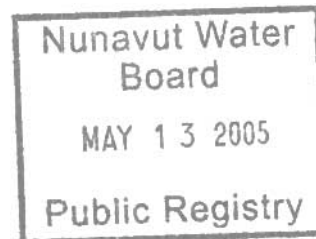




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**Re: SPILL CONTINGENCY AND ABANDONMENT & RESTORATION PLAN
WALES ISLAND PROJECT**

The Department of Environment (DOE), Government of Nunavut has reviewed the Spill Contingency and Abandonment & Restoration Plans for the Wales Island Project, Strongbow Exploration Inc., Nunavut". These reports were submitted to the NWB under Strongbow Exploration Inc. current water license, amendment "Type B".

Both the Spill Contingency Plan (SCP) and the Abandonment and Restoration Plan (A&R) are stand alone documents that should include a brief introduction or description of the area, and a site map. These two components are very important to the reviewer if unfamiliar with the project area or site.

Comments/Recommendations:

Spill Contingency Plan

- 1) Strongbow Exploration should provide a description of the facility including the location (UTM or GPS Coordinates), size, and storage capacity. This is important if persons are unfamiliar with the facility or area.
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We thank the NWB for giving us the opportunity to review the spill contingency and abandonment and restoration plans for Wales Island Project, Strongbow Exploration. Please contact me if you have any further questions or comments.

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