



[Licensing] 3AM-GRA1015 Extension Request for Water Pumping Adaptive Management Plan Submission

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Hi Robert,

I am writing to request an extension of 45 days for the submission of the *Water Pumping Adaptive Management Plan* required as per Part C, Item 11 of Water Licence No. 3AM-GRA1015 Amendment No. 1. This condition of the Licence states that:

"The Licensee shall submit to the Board for approval in writing, prior to March 31, 2015, a Water Pumping Adaptive Management Plan, that shall include the following:

- a. Details of seasonal hydrological monitoring of Char River;*
- b. Details of Char River, Lower Landing Lake and Nipissar Lake water chemistry monitoring and assessment of impacts on Nipissar Lake water quality/chemistry due to the transfer of water from Char River;*
- c. In-stream flow objectives for Char River including a flow based low cut-off limit of 10% of the instantaneous flow and 0.5m minimum flow depth in the Char River, at which point no further Water is authorized to be withdrawn from the Char River;*
- d. Details of Char River on-going viability assessment in meeting pumping objectives and water use requirements;*
- e. Mitigation options and procedures for occurrences when flow is insufficient to meet pumping objectives and consumption requirements."*

An extension of 45 days will postpone the submission of the Plan to **May 15, 2015**. This extension is requested because additional time is needed to produce a complete Plan. The work for the desk-top hydrological assessment and in-stream flow objectives for Char River are currently being done on behalf of GN-CGS by a consultant, who has not yet submitted this information to GN-CGS. This information is required to complete the sections of the Plan regarding the on-going viability of Char River (d) and mitigation options and procedures (e).

The original submission of the Plan will not include any seasonal hydrological monitoring (a), as the Plan will be submitted prior to open water at Char River. The Plan will include details of the monitoring that will take place during the 2015 open water period. Subsequent Plan revisions will include the seasonal monitoring data from Char River.

Details of Char River, Lower Landing Lake and Nipissar Lake water chemistry (b) were submitted to the NWB on October 22, 2014. This water chemistry information will be included in the Plan, and Plan revisions submitted

after the 2015 open water period will include additional water chemistry information.

As per Part C, Item 11 of Water Licence No. 3AM-GRA1015 Amendment No. 1, the revised *Water Pumping Adaptive Management Plan* will be submitted to the NWB within ninety (90) days of completion of the 2015 hydrological field study. The extension request for the original Plan will not alter the submission date of the revised version.

Please contact me at (867) 645-8176 or mlusty@gov.nu.ca if there are any questions or concerns regarding this request.

Regards,

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