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RE: 3BC-ELL1010 Spill Contingency Plan

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

Jaelyn Eberle, of the University of Colorado, Museum of Natural History has submitted a spill contingency plan as requirement of Part H, Item 1 of water licence 3BC-ELL1010. The spill plan is applicable to the operation of two field camps, one near Bay Fiord and the other at the Strathcona Fiord Fossil Forest. Seven people will operate out of these two camps for two weeks, collected fossil and sediment samples. Transport to and around the project sites will include a Twin Otter and helicopter. The project will be conducted over 2 weeks in July with 7 personnel. Project crew will initially access the project area by Twin Otter, based out of Resolute Bay, Nunavut.

EC is pleased that a spill contingency plan was provided to the NWB for this water license and provides the following comment for the NWB's consideration:

- EC recommends that a Spill Response Form be attached to the document.

If there are any changes in 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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