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Re: **NWB License No. 3BC-HMP0712**
Annual Report for the 2009 Field Season

PART B: GENERAL CONDITIONS

2. Annual Report:

- i) Summary report of water use and waste disposal

Daily water usage was measured, using a flow meter (installed on 1 Jul 2008), at or less than 1 m³/day for the total duration of the field campaign, i.e. 36 days.

All burnable waste was incinerated on site.

All non-burnable solid waste residue and all urine were backhauled from camp for proper disposal in Resolute Bay. See details below under Part D and appended letter and table.

- ii) List of unauthorized discharges: *None*
- iii) Updated Spill Contingency Plan: *Appended*
- iv) Reclamation work: *None*
- v) Summary of information requested:

Water usage averages between 0.5 and 1 m³/day, significantly less than the 5 m³/day allowed in our license.

At the time of this report, in spite of proactive efforts to consult with INAC in the months leading up to the 2008 and 2009 summer field campaigns, no suitable incinerator system meeting the emission standards, mass and volume constraints of Twin Otter aircraft, reasonable cost effectiveness, and fabrication and delivery time was identified and settled upon to meet the cargo deadlines for the HMP-2009 field campaign. Moreover, base managers for the Polar Continental Shelf Project of Natural Resources Canada continue to consider an integrated approach to the incineration of waste for all the field parties that PCSP supports, including the Houghton-Mars Project. For these reasons, the Mars Institute is hereby requesting more time to allow it to meet the incineration standards required by INAC, including time to allow the promising approach considered by PCSP base managers to come to fruition. In the meantime, any waste that cannot be adequately incinerated using the HMP's existing (Salisbury) incinerator shall be flown out of camp and disposed of either in Resolute Bay c/o Narwhal Arctic Services or PCSP, or flown south at the end of the field season on a Mars Institute-chartered transport aircraft for disposal in Vancouver.

Spill Contingency Plan was updated as required.

The following specific information was also requested:

2009 volumetric water use (approx.): 36 days x 1 m³/day = 36 m³

Water source location: 75°25'46.69"N, 89° 51'26.68"W

Sump location: 75°25'59.08"N, 89° 51'49.71"W

Incinerator location: 75°26'02.47"N, 89° 51'17.85"W

In addition, the following required measures were taken:

- Fuel storage (barrels) are now stored on top of secondary containment berms at both the airstrip and at camp.
- Metering equipment is now installed at camp to measure pumped water used at camp.
- Records showing the shipping off-site of bulk unburnable and hazardous waste are provided (see appended table).
- Camp sump is now enhanced with a higher berm that eliminates any risk of greywater overflow.

vi) Other details on water use or waste disposal: *None*

2. Changes in operating plans or conditions: *None*

3. Flow meter installed: *1 July 2008.*

Daily water use measured (28 Jun – 6 Jul 2009): 0.5 m³/day

Daily water use measured (6 Jul – 4 Aug 2009): 1 m³/day

4. Copy of License: *Kept at camp at all times, in c/o Base Camp Manager*
5. Additional reports, plans, studies: *None*
6. Acknowledgement of Annual Report by Manager of Licensing: *Pending*
7. License is never assigned.

PART C: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO WATER USE

1. All water for domestic camp use is drawn from Lowell Creek only.
Volume of water used averages ~ 1 m³/day, below the 5 m³/day limit allowed.
2. Streams never used as a water source.
3. Water use does not draw down any source water body.
4. Water intake hose is equipped with three screens. Note: There are no fish in Lowell Creek
5. No material is removed from high water mark of Lowell Creek
6. Lowell Creek bank erosion is currently prevented by restricting the banks from any vehicle access.
7. No significant amount of sediment enter the water as a result of our water use.

PART D: CONDITIONS APPLYING

1. All waste disposal takes place beyond the minimum distance of 30 m from the high water mark of any water body.
2. No open burning or on-site land filling is practiced.
3. All acceptable food waste, paper waste and untreated wood products are disposed of in an incinerator.
4. All hazardous wastes, waste oil and non-combustible waste is backhauled and disposed of in an approved waste disposal site in Resolute Bay. *See appended letter of agreement from the Hamlet of Resolute Bay.*
5. Records of all waste backhauled and records of confirmation of proper disposal of backhauled waste were maintained by Licensee.
All greywater is contained in a sump located at a distance of more than 30 m from the ordinary high water mark of any water body, at a site where direct flow into a water body is not possible and where no additional impacts are created.
6. *Not applicable.*
7. The HMP base camp currently operates at ~ 1000 person-days per year (739 person-days in 2009). All toilet wastes (except urine) are disposed of through incineration. Any remaining residue is backhauled and disposed of in an approved waste disposal site.
8. Any hazardous materials, including waste oil, receive proper treatment and disposal at an approved treatment facility. All hazmats and waste oil are backhauled from camp and either disposed of in Resolute Bay c/o Natural Resources Canada's Polar Continental Shelf Project or flown south on Mars Institute-chartered cargo flights for proper disposal in Vancouver.

PART E: CONDITIONS FOR CAMPS, ACCESS INFRASTRUCTURES AND OPERATIONS

1. No camps are erected or materials stored on any frozen water body.
2. All activities are always conducted in such a way as to minimize any impact on surface drainage..
3. *Not applicable.*
4. No debris or sediments associated with earthworks are deposited into or onto any body of water.



Haughton-Mars Project

Spill Contingency Plan

Last Updated: 23 June 2009

In case of spill, follow the 4 steps below in sequence.

If you do not feel competent or adequately equipped, please seek assistance first.

STEP 1: Immediate Danger?

Assess hazard presented by spill.

Ensure that no person is exposed to any immediate danger from spill.

Evacuate spill site immediately if immediate danger is present.

Seek medical help for any injured person.

Inform HMP management or authorities immediately as appropriate.

STEP 2: Contain Spill – Use Spill Kit

If no immediate danger is present...

Stop spill at its source.

Isolate spill: Prevent expansion of the area affected by the spill.

Continue pursuing measures of STEP 1 through STEP 2.

STEP 3: Clean Up Spill Site – Use Spill Kit

If no immediate danger is present...

Assess damage from spill.

Stop damage from expanding first, then begin site restoration.

Clean up and restore spill site using proper equipment and materials.

Continue pursuing measures of STEPS 1 through STEP 3.

STEP 4: File Report(s) ASAP

Assist HMP Management in filing a detailed Nunavut Spill Report.

Assist HMP Management in filing any additional reports as needed.

Assist HMP Management in updating this plan as appropriate.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Emergencies & Enforcement Officer, Environment Canada

Nunavut Spill Report (24-Hr Report Line) – Report all spills.

Water Resources Officer, Indian & Northern Affairs Canada

Polar Shelf (Resolute Bay):

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RE: Haughton-Mars Project Waste Disposal in Resolute/NWB Application

The Hamlet of Resolute Bay does not have an objection to the Haughton -MARS Project use and disposal of waste at our landfill site.

A few comments to be followed;

-Please ensure that all garbage is burned and only burnable material gets deposited to our landfill.

-Metal can be deposited at our current metal dump close to the Hamlet.

-Drums to be emptied into the Airport lagoon and returned to Polar shelf for recycling or crushing.

Should you or the NWB have any question or concerns you may contact myself at the above phone number or email.

Sincerely,

Josh Hunter,
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