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Richard Dwyer  
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Dear Mr. Dwyer:

**Subject:** Spill Contingency Plan & Abandonment and Restoration Plan

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) appreciates the opportunity to provide input into the Water Licence Amendment Request submitted by Comaplex Minerals Corporation in support of their Meliadine Gold Exploration project.

DFO, Habitat Management, is responsible for protecting fish and fish habitat across Canada. Under the *Fisheries Act*, no one may carry out a work or undertaking that will cause the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat, unless authorized by DFO.

Our review consisted of:

- Spill Response Plan & Abandonment and Restoration Plan submitted to the Nunavut Water Board on December 8, 2010.

We understand that the proponent plans to:

- Carry out a research program at the Flashline Mars Arctic Research Station on Devon Island.

Provided that the plans are implemented as described DFO has concluded that the proposal is not likely to result in impacts to fish and fish habitat.

\*Those sections most relevant to the review of development proposals include 20, 22, 32 and 35 of the *Fisheries Act* and sections 32, 33 and 58 of the *Species at Risk Act*. For more information please visit [www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca](http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca).

The proponent will not need to obtain a formal approval from DFO in order to proceed with the proposal.

If the plans have changed or if the description of the proposal is incomplete the proponent should contact this office to determine if the advice in this letter still applies.

Please be advised that any impacts to fish and fish habitat which result from a failure to implement this proposal as described could lead to corrective action such as enforcement.

If you have any questions please contact the undersigned at (613) 925-2865 ext. 131, by fax at (613) 925-2245, or by email at [Georgina.Williston@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:Georgina.Williston@dfo-mpo.gc.ca).

Yours sincerely,



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