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EXPLORATION/ REMOTE CAMP SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONNAIRE

Applicant: Department of National Defence **Licence No:** _____
(For NWB Use Only)

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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3. Does the applicant hold the necessary property rights? **Yes**

4. Is the applicant an 'operator' for another company (i.e., the holder of the property rights)? If so, please provide letter of authorization.

5. Duration of the Project

 ☐ One year or less Start and completion dates: _____
 ☒ Multi Year:

If Multi-Year indicate proposed schedule of on site activities
Start: **Current ongoing operations which began in the 1950s** Completion: **not applicable**

CAMP CLASSIFICATION

6. Type of Camp

 ☐ Mobile (self-propelled)
 ☐ Temporary
 ☒ Seasonally Occupied: **Intermittently May to Sept until Oct 1 2023**
 ☒ Permanent: **Permanent attendance commencing Oct 1 2023**
 ☒ Other: **Quarterly until Oct 1 2023**

7. What is the design, maximum and expected average population of the camp?

FOX-3, Dewar Lakes is a Long Range Radar Site (LRR) for the North Warning System (NWS). FOX-3 is an unmanned site, but it is visited by FOX-M staff on scheduled quarterly preventive and corrective maintenance trips and on an as needed basis. From May to September there may be an average of 5 to 20 personnel on-site due to seasonal project activity and occasional Third Party visitors.

Staffing levels at FOX-3 are planned to increase beginning April 1st 2022 and to gradually increase to year-round attendance of at least nine staff members as of October 1st 2023.

Present to April 1, 2022:

During this time FOX-3 is not planned to be attended year-round. It will be visited by staff from FOX-M on quarterly maintenance trips, and on an as needed basis. During the months of May to September the site may have an average of 5 to 20 personnel on-site due to seasonal project activity and occasional Third Party visitors.

April 1 2022 to September 30 2023:

During this time FOX-3 is planned to be attended by at least 9 staff for the summer months (182 days of the year). During the winter (October 1 to March 31) it will be visited by staff from FOX-M on quarterly maintenance trips.

1 Oct 2023 onward:

As of 1 Oct 2023 FOX-3 is planned to be attended full time (365 days of the year) by at least 9 staff.

8. Provide history of the site if it has been used in the past.

FOX-3 was built in the 1950s as one of the Distant Early Warning Line (DEW Line) radar sites which stretched from Alaska to Greenland. In the 1980s, the DEW Line in Canada evolved into the North Warning System (NWS) with radar sites extending from the Yukon across the Arctic and down the Labrador coast. FOX-3 was modernized as part of this transition.

On 29 August 1995, the site changed from manned to unmanned status. Over the years, the Prime Mission of the radar sites remains unchanged: to detect airborne objects within the Arctic surveillance area.

FOX-3's facilities include site buildings with their integral mechanical and electrical systems, power generation system, fuel tanks, radar, antennas, satellite ground terminals, weather equipment, and roads.

CAMP LOCATION

9. Please describe proposed camp location in relation to biogeographical and geomorphological features, and water bodies.

FOX-3 is situated in Nunavut on Baffin Island north of Dewar Lakes. It is located on a hill top, about 518 m above sea level, in an area of general glacial scouring and eskers. The airstrip in the valley is approximately 152 m above sea level. The geographical coordinates are: 68 401 4811 N, 71 14' 48" W.

The hill top (about 518 m above sea level) is in an area indicating general glacial scouring. Surface materials include bedrock, till and fluvial materials, with till being the most common. The area is strewn with boulders up to 1 meter across. The airstrip area features fluvial deposits of gravels, sands, and silts. Vegetation is relatively scarce with some patches of wood rush, grass, and wildflowers. The wetter areas may consist of sedges and moss.

The most prominent topographical features include rolling hills, separated by broad intervening depressions, and an interconnecting lake system running through a deep valley.

Vegetation is sparse and more suitable for birds than larger grazing mammals. A small group of caribou from the Baffin Island herd occasionally wanders through the Dewar Lakes area, although the herd is generally located farther west. Arctic foxes and wolves are also occasionally seen at FOX-3.

Waterfowl that nest in small shallow ponds in the area include the red-throated loon, tundra swan, greater snow goose, king eider and oldsquaw. To the south and west of the site are colonies of Sabine's gulls.

For more information please refer to the attached document "Q3 – FOX-3 Site Description".

10. How was the location of the camp selected? Was the site previously used? Was assistance from the Regional Inuit Association Land Manager sought? Include maps and/or aerial photographs.

The FOX-3 site was selected based on the requirements of the Department of National Defence. Site maps have been included in the submission for this Water Use Licence Renewal/Amendment. Please refer to attachment "Q3 – FOX-3 Site Description".

11. Is the camp or any aspect of the project located on:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Crown Lands	Permit Number (s)/Expiry Date: <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Commissioners Lands	Permit Number (s)/Expiry Date: _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Inuit Owned Lands	Permit Number (s)/Expiry Date: _____

12. Closest Communities (direction and distance in km):

Clyde River, 230 km to the northeast; Qikiqtarjuaq, 320 km to the southeast; Sanirajak (Hall Beach), 410 km to the west.

13. Has the proponent notified and consulted the nearby communities and potentially interested parties about the proposed work?

Not applicable. The site is unmanned and is visited by the Operation & Maintenance Contractor based in FOX-M, Sanirajak (Hall Beach). These employees include Sanirajak residents and northern hires from other communities. For work, job openings are posted in a variety of ways including ads in northern newspapers and on Raytheon's website.

14. Will the project have impacts on traditional water use areas used by the nearby communities?
Will the project have impacts on local fish and wildlife habitats?

No.

PURPOSE OF THE CAMP

15. ☐ Mining (includes exploration drilling)
☐ Tourism (hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, adventure/expedition, etc.)
(Omit questions # 16 to 21)
X Other **National Defence**

16. Activities (check all applicable)

Not applicable - not a mining camp.

- ☐ Preliminary site visit
☐ Prospecting
☐ Geological mapping
☐ Geophysical survey
☐ Diamond drilling
☐ Reverse circulation drilling
☐ Evaluation Drilling/Bulk Sampling (also complete separate questionnaire)
☐ Other: _____

17. Type of deposit (exploration focus):

Not applicable - not a mining camp.

- ☐ Lead Zinc
☐ Diamond
☐ Gold
☐ Uranium
☐ Other: _____

DRILLING INFORMATION

18. Drilling Activities

Not applicable - not a mining camp.

- ☐ Land Based drilling
☐ Drilling on ice

19. Describe what will be done with drill cuttings?

Not applicable - not a mining camp.

20. Describe what will be done with drill water?
Not applicable - not a mining camp.
21. List the brand names and constituents of the drill additives to be used? Includes MSDS sheets and provide confirmation that the additives are non-toxic and biodegradable.
Not applicable - not a mining camp.
22. Will any core testing be done on site? Describe.
Not applicable - not a mining camp.

SPILL CONTINGENCY PLANNING

23. The proponent is required to have a site specific Spill Contingency Plan prepared and submitted with the application This Plan should be prepared in accordance with the *NWT Environmental Protection Act, Spill Contingency Planning and Reporting Regulations, July 22, 1998* and *A Guide to the Spill Contingency Planning and Reporting Regulations, June 2002*. Please include for review.

North Warning System Spill Contingency Plan has been included in the submission for this Water Use Licence Renewal/Amendment.

Please see the attached document “Q2 - PLN-EHS-2 REV 10 Spill Contingency Plan (16.F.3.b).”

24. How many spill kits will be on site and where will they be located?

Two (2) spill kits are on-site in the Warehouse:
- the POL (petroleum, oil, lubricants) Spill; and
- the Chemical Spill Kit.

25. Please describe the types, quantities, and method of storage of fuel and chemicals on site, and provide MSDS sheets.

Jet A1 is the fuel used on-site. Jet A1 fuel and locations are listed below. The MSDS for Jet A1 is included in Annex Q2, page

Tank Size	Capacity	Location	Type of Fuel
69,200L	64,860L	Power Plant	PGS
69,200L	64,860L	Power Plant	PGS
246,000L	208,116L	Summit	Aviation/PGS
246,000L	208,116L	Summit	Aviation/PGS
90,000L	84,528L	Apron	Aviation
90,000L	84,528L	Apron	Aviation
90,000L	84,528L	Apron	Aviation
90,000L	84,528L	Apron	Aviation
90,000L	84,528L	Apron	Aviation
69,200L	64,860L	Apron	PGS

69,200L	64,860L	Apron	PGS
Summit Total	675,672L		
Apron Total	422,640L		
Total	1,098,312L		

Other items such as batteries, aerosols, and cleaning products are stored in the warehouse and in the buildings where they are used. Drums of oil and glycol and a limited number of cylinders are stored in the warehouse as shown on the FOX-3 Site Plan Drawing (see page 9 of attachment “Q3 – FOX-3 Site Description”).

WATER SUPPLY AND TREATMENT

26. Describe the location of water sources.

The water source is the lake north of the airstrip. See the FOX-3 Site Plan Drawing (page 8 of attachment “Q3 – FOX-3 Site Description”).

27. Estimated water use (in cubic metres/day):

- ☒ Domestic Use: 2950 m³ Annually estimated upon increased staffing
Water Source: Water Lake
- ☐ Drilling: _____ Water Source: _____
- ☒ Other: 50 m³ Annually (industrial use) Water Source: Water Lake

28. Describe water intake for camp operations? Is the water intake equipped with a mesh screen to prevent entrapment of fish? (see *DFO 1995, Freshwater Intake End-of-Pipe Fish Screen Guideline*) Describe:

Water from a natural fresh water lake is pumped into a water truck; the water intake is equipped with a mesh screen. The water is then transferred to the four raw water tanks located at the station; water from these tanks is distributed through the station for domestic use.

29. Will drinking water quality be monitored? What parameters will be analyzed and at what frequency?

Yes, the drinking water quality is monitored on a quarterly basis and monthly basis when site is fully staffed. Bacteriological water tests are performed at two locations. Both samples are collected from regular consumption and food preparation areas.

The water is tested for bacteriological parameters including E. coli and Total Coliforms. A Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC) is also completed. All water analysis must pass guidelines prior to water consumption. Bacteriological parameters are listed in the table below.

Bacteriological Parameters
E. coli
Fecal streptococci

Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC)
Total and Fecal coliforms

On an annual basis a chemical water sample analysis is performed by an accredited laboratory. Two samples are taken: one from the water source (lake) and one from a point of consumption inside the building. The samples are shipped to a testing facility where they are analyzed for the physical and chemical water properties listed in the table below.

Physical and Chemical Parameters
Phenols
Alkalinity as CaCO ₃
Colour
Conductivity
Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC)
Fluoride (F)
Hardness as CaCO ₃
Ion Balance
Ammonia as N (N-NH ₃)
Nitrate as N (N-NO ₂)
Nitrite as N (N-NO ₃)
pH
Sulphide (S ²⁻)
Sulphate (SO ₄)
Tannin & Lignin
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)
Turbidity
Calcium (Ca)
Chloride (Cl)
Copper (Cu)
Iron (Fe)
Potassium (K)
Magnesium (Mg)
Manganese (Mn)
Sodium (Na)
Lead (Pb)
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)

30. Will drinking water be treated? How?

Site drinking water is treated using multiple filters (including granular activated carbon filters) and ultraviolet (UV) light.

31. Will water be stored on site?

Raw (untreated) water is stored in four 10,000 litre raw water storage tanks next to the monitoring point, FOD-1 (the flow meter in the fill line to the raw water tanks) in addition to two 10,000 litre raw water storage tanks (total of 6 x 10,000 L). Treated drinking water is piped directly to water taps.

WASTE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL

32. Describe the characteristics, quantities, treatment and disposal methods for:

X Camp Sewage (blackwater)

Sewage (blackwater) and greywater are combined in the sewage system. The sewage system comprises a sump, holding tank, and masticating pump within the building train. Sewage is not discharged daily. When the septic tank nears or reaches capacity, the sewage is discharged out the sewage outfall pipe to the receiving outfall sump.

Up to 10 m³ is discharged from two to five times a year, depending on the number of people that have visited the site.

The site has one incinerating toilet which reduces sewage to ash; the ash is disposed of off-site. The incinerating toilet's cycling time (interval between usages) does not make it practical to support anything but a short site visit by a few staff. It is primarily in place in case the site fails in the winter and freezes. Under these conditions, a small crew would be dispatched to the site to restore power and thaw the site. The incinerating toilet would be used until the sewage system was thawed and returned to a serviceable state. It cannot meet the demands of a ramped up site.

Sewage sampling is conducted if the outfall sump requires discharge. The sampling point is FOD-2, the end of the sewage outfall pipe, as shown on the FOX-3 Site Plan Drawing.

Sewage effluent samples will be analyzed for:

Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), fecal coliforms, pH, phenols, and oil & grease.

For more information please see the attached document "Q4 – PLN-EHS-11 Sewage Disposal Plan".

X Camp Greywater

Grey water and sewage (blackwater) are both handled by the sewage system described above. Please see "Camp Sewage (blackwater)" above.

X Solid Waste

Currently all solid waste is packaged and shipped to Hall Beach for disposal. There are future plans to develop an on-site alternative; whereby domestic waste would be segregated and incinerated on-site. This alternative would implement the use of an appropriate incinerator as outlined in the Government of Nunavut, *Guideline for the Burning and Incineration of Solid Waste*.

X Bulky Items/Scrap Metal

These items are packaged and stored on-site until they can be transported for disposal off-site at an appropriate facility; typically this occurs every two to four years.

X Waste Oil/Hazardous Waste

These items are packaged and shipped to a licensed disposal facility every one or two years.

An average annual inventory typically includes:

- 12 drums Waste oil
 - 2 drums Waste glycol
 - 11 drums Waste fuel
 - 1 drum Waste paint
 - 1 drum Waste oil filters
 - 1 crate Waste batteries, wet, filled with acid
 - 1 crate Waste batteries, nonspillable
 - 1 cylinder Waste acetylene, dissolved
 - 1 to 2 cylinders Waste refrigerant gases.
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☐ Empty Barrels/Fuel Drums

These items are re-used to contain the same liquids.

☐ Other:

33. Please describe incineration system if used on site. What types of wastes will be incinerated?

An incineration system is not currently in use at this site; but may be considered for the future, all planning would be in consultation with the Government of Nunavut, *Guideline for the Burning and Incineration of Solid Waste*. Solid waste would be sorted, only domestic waste would be incinerated on-site.

34. Where and how will non-combustible waste be disposed of? If in a municipality in Nunavut, has authorization been granted?

All non-hazardous non-combustible domestic solid waste is disposed of through a contract with the Hamlet of Hall Beach for the deposit of waste in the local municipal dump.

35. Describe location (relative to water bodies and camp facilities) dimensions and volume, and freeboard for all sumps (if applicable).

Not applicable

36. Will leachate monitoring be done? What parameters will be sampled and analyzed, and at what frequency?

Not applicable

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

37. Have the water supply and waste treatment and disposal methods been used and proven in cold climate? What known O&M problems may occur? What contingency plans are in place?

Both the water supply and waste treatment and disposal methods at this site have been in use for many years and they are proven in cold climates.

ABANDONMENT AND RESTORATION

38. Provide a detailed description of progressive and final abandonment and restoration activities at the site.

Not applicable. The Prime Mission is scheduled to at least 2035. No abandonment or restoration is planned at this time. As indicated in the current Water Use Licence for this site (Part H); a site Abandonment and Restoration Plan will be submitted to NWB six months prior to the decommissioning of the FOX-3

BASELINE DATA

39. Has or will any baseline information be collected as part of this project? Provide bibliography.

- ☐ Physical Environment (Landscape and Terrain, Air, Water, etc.)
- ☐ Biological Environment (Vegetation, Wildlife, Birds, Fish and Other Aquatic Organisms, etc.)
- ☐ Socio-Economic Environment (Archaeology, Land and Resources Use, Demographics, Social and Culture Patterns, etc.)
- ☐ Other: _____

REGULATORY INFORMATION

40. At a minimum, you should ensure you have a copy of and consult the documents below for compliance with existing regulatory requirements:

- ✓ ARTICLE 13 – *NCLA -Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*
- ✓ NWNSRTA – *The Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act, 2002*
- ✓ *Northwest Territories Waters Regulations, 1993*
- ✓ NWB - Water Licensing in Nunavut - Interim Procedures and Information Guide for Applicants
- ✓ NWB - Interim Rules of Practice and Procedure for Public Hearings
- ✓ RWED – *Environmental Protection Act, R-068-93- Spill Contingency Planning and Reporting Regulations, 1993*
- ✓ RWED A Guide to the Spill Contingency Planning and Reporting Regulations, 2002
- ✓ NWTWB - Guidelines for Contingency Planning
- ✓ *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (CEPA)*

- ✓ *Fisheries Act, RS 1985 - s.34, 35, 36 and 37*
- ✓ DFO - Freshwater Intake End of Pipe Fish Screen Guideline
- ✓ NWTWB - Guidelines for the Discharge of Treated Municipal Wastewater in the NWT
- ✓ Canadian Council for Ministers of the Environment (CCME); Canadian Drinking Water Quality Guidelines, 1987
- ✓ Public Health Act - Camp Sanitation Regulations
- ✓ Public Health Act - Water Supply Regulations
- ✓ *Territorial Lands Act and Territorial Land Use Regulations*; Updated 2000