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Mr. Julian Morse
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Regarding MV2002L2-0019 and MV2015L2-0003

Dear Mr. Morse,

NDDB has reviewed NATCL's application for Townsite Building Removal (MV2002L200019) and has no issues with this request, in light of the fact that NATCL will be addressing any problems associated with the removal of toxic materials such as lead paint and asbestos.

NDDB has also reviewed NATCL's application package for a renewed water licence (MV2015L2-0003). This renewal process is a bit more complicated as there are a number of conditions in the recently amended water licence that have yet to be met in order for the licence to be fully operational, and there is also the outstanding issue of security deposit obligations, which has yet to be addressed by the Minister.

NDDB continues to support the development of the ICRP and the AEMP as priorities, and also remains particularly concerned about the outcomes of the Integrated Geochemical Load Balance and Risk Assessment Report given that the 'dry stack tailings' storage method will not be as dry as originally proposed due to the need to re-saturate the tailings in order to reduce oxidization and acid generation.

Under these circumstances, NDDB will not comment at this time on the application package but will have questions for the technical sessions relating to the status of the current outstanding licence conditions. Furthermore, NDDB understands that Dehcho First Nations has reviewed and will be raising questions and recommendations relating to the S4-44 Water Quality Assessment Report. NDDB respects DFN's intervention and will be interested in the response to the questions and recommendations raised.

Respectfully,



Peter Redvers, NDDB Regulator Advisor