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**Attention: Darryl Froese**

<b>File Number</b>	<b>MV2019X0027</b>
<b>Type of Operation</b>	<b>MISC.</b>
<b>Location</b>	<b>KM 6 Camp, KM 184, 236 and 238 Dempster Highway #8</b>

Dear Darryl Froese,

An inspection of the above noted operation was conducted on September 27, 2023 by Resource Management Officer II Bradley Voudrach and Resource Management Officer II Herbert Allen.

Enclosed is a copy of the Environmental Inspection Report. **Please refer to the unacceptable and noted conditions in the general comments section of this report. Your attention to this matter is appreciated.**

If you have any questions, please contact me at 867-678-8090 Ext. 24652.

Sincerely,

Bradley Voudrach  
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Permittee:	Yukon Gov. Dept. of Highways and Public Works	Permit Expiry Date:	August 30, 2025
Land Use Permit No.	MV2019X0027	Previous Inspection:	September 18, 2023
Quarrying Permit No.		Inspection Date:	September 27, 2023
Contractor:		Subcontractor:	
Location(s) Inspected:	KM 6 Camp, KM 184, 236 and 238 Dempster Highway #8		
Current Stage of Operation:	On-going		
Program Modifications Approved:			

Condition of Operation "A" - Acceptable "U" - Unacceptable "N/A" - Not Applicable "N/I" - Not Inspected

Operating Condition	Aspect Inspected				
	Dempster Fibre Project				
Location as Permitted	A				
Time as Permitted	A				
Equipment as Approved (Type & Size)	A				
Methods & Techniques	A				
Facilities	A				
Erosion (Control or Prevention)	U				
Chemicals	U				
Wildlife and Fisheries Habitat (Protection)	A				
Wastes	A				
Historical / Archaeological Sites	A				
Ecological Resources	A				
Fuel Storage	A				
Restoration of Lands	U				
Permits	A				
Sections 8 to 12 / 14 to 16 M.V.L.U.R.	A				

Explanatory Remarks -

Dempster Fibre Project:

A follow-up inspection was conducted with the contractor (Rohl) to verify that the concerns mentioned on the September 18th, 2023 inspection have been rectified.

The inspector did a walk-around at the KM 6 campsite with Mr. Gary Seed from Rohl and observed the concerns around the campsite have been corrected. However, the inspector subsequently drove north along Dempster Highway #8 and observed the rutting issue at KM 24 had not yet been dealt with.

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Furthermore, the inspector observed additional areas further north along the highway that have been extensively impacted during construction and installation of the fibre line. There are three additional areas that require remediation efforts. In addition to KM 24 the impacted areas are:

KM 184 - rutting  
KM 236 - diesel spill  
KM 238 - extensive rutting

At this time the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) Department of Environment and Climate Change (ECC) are requesting your plans to mitigate the issues and would like to remind you that the plans should include dates for remediation.

MATTERS FOR FOLLOW UP

September 27th, 2023 Inspection:

Remediation to surface rutting at:

- KM 24
- KM 184
- KM 238

Hydrocarbon spill clean-up at:

- KM 236

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Representative Signature

  
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Inspector's Signature



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**Figure 1**

The refueling location, used for filling auxiliary tanks on the pickup trucks. There are spill trays in the vehicles.







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**Figure 2**

Some hazardous waste that will be stored with other hydrocarbon impacted material while they wait for transport to an approved waste facility.



**Figure 3**

Some waste oil that was placed in secondary containment and will be labeled.



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Figure 4  
The rutting at KM 24, now completely covered with snow.



Figure 5  
Some rutting at KM 184.







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**Figure 6**

The source of the spill at KM 236.



**Figure 7**

A close-up image of the damage at the bottom of the tank in the previous photo.



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**Figure 8**

The surface damage at KM 238.



**Figure 9**

Another photo of the damage near KM 238.







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**Figure 10**

**Another photo of the extensive damage near KM 238.**

