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Sent by e-mail

Dear Vic Fontanilla,

Re: Environmental Site Assessment along Taylor Road – Land Use Permit – New Application – Incomplete – Miscellaneous – Geotechnical Drilling – Yellowknife, NT

On October 6, 2023, Mackenzie Valley Land and Water (Board) staff received the Application Package (Application) for a new Land Use Permit (Permit) MV2023X0031¹ for the Environmental Site Assessment along Taylor Road (Project) from BluMetric Environmental Inc. (BluMetric) on behalf of the City of Yellowknife (City).

Board staff have reviewed the Application and identified missing information required for the Board to process the Application. For the Application to be considered complete, refer to the Application Form² and the Land and Water Board (LWB) *Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process* (Guide)³ and submit the following information to the Board's office:

1. Engagement Record and Plan: The application refers to "as per the required engagement plan" but no engagement plan was attached with the Application. Please provide an Engagement Plan and Engagement Record. Each applicant must conduct engagement prior to submitting a land use permit application as described in section 3.1 of the Guide. The application must include an engagement record and engagement plan in accordance with section 2.1 of the *MVLWB Engagement and*

¹ See the MVLWB Online Registry for [MV2023X0031](#).

² See the MVLWB Apply for Permit/Licence webpage for the Land Use Permit [Application Form](#).

³ See the MVLWB Policies and Guidelines webpage for the LWB [Guide to the Land Use Permitting Process](#).

*Consultation Policy*⁴ and *Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Land Use Permits and Water Licenses*.⁵

2. Project Description: For the proposed drilling activities, revise the Project description to include:
 - a) the estimated maximum number of drill holes;
 - b) the frequency/schedule of drilling;
 - c) a description of the general areas where drilling will be conducted within the Project boundary.

3. Waste Management: Revise the Waste Management section of the Application with more detailed information.
 - a) Garbage: Provide detailed information where any garbage generated (PPE, Packaging, etc.) will be disposed of.
 - b) Sewage: Provide detailed information on what will be used for bathroom facilities.
 - c) Brush and Tress: Provide detailed information about harvesting, storing, and salvaging brush and timber.
 - d) Overburden: Provide detailed information about salvaging, storing, and reuse of overburden and organic materials
 - e) Drill cuttings: Provide detailed information about what will be done with the drill cuttings.
 - f) Other: Provide detailed information on the deposit of wastewater used to provide a pressure head within the well to mitigate sluffing, and/or as a lubricant.
 - g) Off-site Disposal: If waste is being disposed off-site within the Northwest Territories, it is recommended that written confirmation (e.g., an email, letter, etc.) be submitted from the facility indicating they will accept the waste.

4. Equipment: Revise equipment list to include any pickup trucks that will be onsite at any one time.

Upon receipt of this information, the Board will review the Application in accordance with the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations (MVLUR). Unless the City requests additional time, if this information is not provided within 90 days of the date of this letter, the Board will consider the Application withdrawn.

Please contact Emma Junker via [email](#) or at (867) 766-7469 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Emma Junker
Regulatory Technician

BCC'd to: Jackie Harman

⁴ See the MVLWB Policies and Guidelines webpage for the LWB [Engagement and Consultation Policy](#).

⁵ See the MVLWB Policies and Guidelines webpage for the LWB [Engagement Guidelines for Applicants and Holders of Land Use Permits and Water Licenses](#).