



**Sahtu Land & Water Board REASONS FOR DECISION
Issued Pursuant to Issued pursuant to paragraph 22(2)(b) of the
Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations (MVLUR)**

Land Use Permit Application	
Reference/File Number	S22A-002
Applicant	MGM Energy
Project	Abandonment Project, Tulita Area, NT.

Decision from Sahtu Land and Water Board Meeting of December 7, 2022

Background

MGM Energy (MGM) submitted applications for a Type A Permit S22A-002 and a Type B Licence S22L1-002 for an abandonment and reclamation project near Tulita, NWT. The purpose of these Applications is to obtain authorization to proceed with well abandonment and site reclamation (final closure and reclamation) of I-78 East Mackay oil exploration well site.

The scope of activities includes winter road construction, well abandonment operations, reclamation, remediation, camps, and monitoring activities. MGM has requested the permit and licence to be valid for five years. The activities for abandonment, final closure and reclamation and use of camps trigger a Type A LUP as per Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations (MVLUR) sections 4 a (ii, iii, iv and v) and 4b (i, ii, iii and iv).

The applications were circulated for review October 26, 2022, with comments received by November 9, 2022. Due to the number and depth of the reviewer submissions, MGM requested a response extension that would extend past the 42-day timeline to process the Permit Application.

A summary of relevant dates for Permit Application S22A-002 are as follows:

October 26, 2022 – Application deemed complete and distributed for review on the Online Review System

November 9, 2022 – End date for reviewer comments and recommendations

November 10, 2022 – Proponent request for response extension to January 6, 2023

November 15, 2022 – Original deadline for proponent response

November 28, 2022 – Proponent request for extension to February 15, 2023

December 7, 2022 - Board meeting to present recommendation to invoke paragraph 22(2)(b) of the MVLUR.

Decision

To accommodate the time required by the proponent to adequately respond to reviewer submissions and provide additional information where identified, the Board decided to invoke paragraph 22(2)(b) of the MVLUR for Permit S22A-002.

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Chair, Sahtu Land & Water Board