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Sent by email

Dear Ron,

**Re: The 2023 AEMP Annual Report – Approved– Rayrock Remediation Project – Miscellaneous –
Former Rayrock Mine, NT**

The Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board (Board) received the 2023 AEMP Annual Report (the Report)¹ submitted by Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada – Contaminants and Remediation Division (CIRNAC-CARD) on May 31, 2024, as required by Licence W2020L8-0003, Part F, Condition 5.²

Due to project schedule delays, the 2023 AEMP Annual Report is reporting on baseline information and includes pre-remediation data from 2021 to 2023. Given that this report provides additional baseline data and that an approved AEMP Design Plan is in place (i.e., Version 1.1), no public review of the 2023 AEMP was initiated through the Online Review System (ORS). Instead, Board staff distributed an email to Parties on August 22, 2024 asking them to comment on whether they wished to initiate a review. By the deadline of September 9, 2024, no Party indicated that a public review through the ORS be initiated. The Board reviewed the Report and determined that it meets the requirements set out in the Water Licence. The Report is hereby considered approved.

The Board notes that CIRNAC-CARD indicated the data provided in the 2023 AEMP Annual Report “has been included and analyzed in the pre-remediation baseline tables and will be included in the required

¹ See WLWB Online Registry (www.wlwb.ca) for [Rayrock - 2023 AEMP Annual Report - Part 1 of 7 - May 31_24](#)

² See WLWB Online Registry for [Rayrock - Licence - Aug 29_24](#)

revisions for the AEMP Design Plan V. 1.2 (to be submitted)". The Board would like to clarify that inclusion of 2023 data was not one of the required revisions for V1.2 of the AEMP Design but agrees that incorporating the 2023 baseline data at that time would be the most efficient opportunity to do so. The Board also notes that V1.2 of the AEMP Design is currently intended for a conformity check as explained in the Reasons for Decision for V1.1 of the AEMP Design.³ To facilitate the conformity check by Board staff, any baseline data tables that are being updated by CIRNAC-CARD in the AEMP Design Plan to include 2023 data should be accompanied by an excel file which compiles all the data from all years used to updated the baseline values.

Please direct questions or concerns regarding this letter to Ryan Fequet via [email](#).

Yours sincerely,



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³ See WLWB Online Registry for [Rayrock - AEMP Design Plan - Version 1.1 - Decision Letter and Reasons for Decision - May 22 24.pdf](#)