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Sent by e-mail

Dear Colin Modeste-Burgin,

Re: Tundra Ecosystem Research Station (TERS) – Land Use Permit – New Application – Incomplete – Camp – Daring Lake, NT

On October 13, 2023, Wek'èezhì Land and Water (Board) staff received the Application Package (Application) for a new Land Use Permit (Permit) W2023J0005¹ for the Tundra Ecosystem Research Station (TERS) at Daring Lake, NT (Project) from the Government of the Northwest Territories Environment and Climate Change (GNWT-ECC).

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:

- The Application Package did not include a cover letter. In accordance with the LWBs' [Document Submission Standards](#), the submission of the Application Package should include a cover letter and this letter should include all supporting appendices that were included as part of the Package. The cover letter should state the existing permit, project name, and should identify whether the

¹ See the WLWB Online Registry for W2023J0005.

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

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

supporting appendices are intended to be considered as part of the submission for approval (i.e., Management Plans). The cover letter should also state whether the Applicant is applying for exemption from preliminary screening.

- Section 4 of the Application states that a map is to be included as part of the application package however no map was included. Please include a regional overview map (1:250,000 or less) and a detailed map (1:50,000 or more) with operational features. Both maps should include base map features and project structures and activities. Alternatively, if maps were provided as part of the previous application, those can be referenced and hyperlinked.
- Section 8 of the Application indicates that for each and all proposed water uses, the Applicant is to include the name and type of water sources, as well as the purpose of water to be used. The Application did not indicate whether any water would be used, and if so how much. Please clarify in this section of the application whether any water will be used for the Project. If water use is necessary, please include the required information. If the Project exceeds 99 m³ of water, then a water licence is required.
- Section 17 of the Application indicates that should the proposed project or part of the project be exempt from preliminary screening, rationale for the exemption is to be provided; however, this field was left blank. Board staff note that the letter that was circulated with the pre-submission engagement explains that there are no changes to this Project. Board staff also note that the Project was already screened on [November 6, 2009](#). Please update this section to indicate whether GNWT-ECC will be requesting exemption for this Project, and if so why.
- Section 21 of the Application also requires a signature from the Proponent. Please sign this document prior to submitting to the Board.
- In accordance with the LWBs' [Document Submission Standards](#), each Management Plan should be accompanied by a cover letter and dated. If Applicants submit a management plan that is a continuation of a document already approved by the Board, the next version of the Plan should also include a Revision History Table and a Conformity Table as per section 3.3 and 3.4 of the LWBs' [Document Submission Standards](#). GNWT-ECC submitted Version 3 of the Waste Management Plan and Version 4 of the Spill Contingency Plan with its Application, neither Plan included a cover letter and/or a Revision History Table and a Conformity Table. Board staff note that the Applicant has an existing [Spill Contingency Plan \(Version 3.1\)](#) that was approved by the Board on November 17, 2021 and [Waste Management Plan \(Version 2.0\)](#) that was approved by the Board on November 6, 2016. If these Plans were updated with the current Application, then please update these Plans to include the missing tables (i.e., Revision History Table and a Conformity Table). However, if no changes are required of the Spill Contingency Plan or Waste Management Plan, then please incorporate the existing Spill Contingency Plan and Waste

Management Plan to section 11 and section 15 of the Application to indicate that the Applicant has existing Plans and there are no changes.

- The Applicant also included an excel that contained tabs for the Engagement Plan, Engagement Log, and the Engagement Summary. Plans should be submitted in a PDF format and in accordance with the LWBs' [Document Submission Standards](#). Board staff note that the Applicant has an existing [Engagement Plan \(Version 1.0\)](#) that was approved by the Board on November 6, 2016. If the Plan has been updated with this current Application, then please update the Engagement Plan to include the following information (i.e., Revision History Table and a Conformity Table) as indicated for the SCP and WMP above. However, if no changes are required of the Engagement Plan, then please incorporate the existing Engagement Plan to section 19 of the Application to indicate that the Applicant has an existing Engagement Plan and there are no changes. With respect to the Engagement Log, please submit this as a separate PDF. Board staff note that the Engagement Log does not indicate whether the Applicant contacted the representatives from the following organizations that were included in the Pre-submission Engagement Contact List: Glen Mackay with GNWT-Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre, Scott Stewart with the GNWT-ECCC – North Slave Region, and James Hodson with the GNWT-ECCC. Please update the Engagement Log with information explaining steps taken to contact these people.

Upon receipt of this information, the Board will review the Application in accordance with the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations (MVLUR). Unless GNWT-ECC 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 Roberta Judas via [email](#) or at (867) 713-2501 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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