

September 24, 2013

Mr. Robert Jenkins
Director, Renewable Resources and Environment
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC)
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Dear Mr. Jenkins:

Re: AANDC Participation in NWTWB Inuvik ITH Hearings, Inuvik, NT October 7, 2013

As per your letter dated September 18, 2013 the NWT Water Board would appreciate your participation at the NWTWB public hearings slated for Inuvik, NT on October 7, 2013.

The NWTWB has greatly appreciated AANDC's participation in the water licensing process in the NWTWB – ITH process to date and the Board is aware of AANDC's overall mandate for water management and water quality monitoring programs throughout the NWT. This includes the department's past and current role through the Water Licence Surveillance Network Program (SNP).

We have noted the recommendation in your September 18, 2013 letter that the NWTWB consider inclusion of water licence requirements similar to those currently in force through the MVLWB for highway projects in the North Slave area. In particular, we are interested in AANDC's views on water management, water quality monitoring and criteria related to matters associated with the potential licensing for the ITH as noted in your letter of September 18, 2013.

As you are aware, the ITH Proponent has submitted materials related to this subject and has also undertaken to supply further information to the NWTWB. We would be appreciative of AANDC's views of the nature and adequacy of these responses, especially in regard to the Proponent's Plans, including permafrost degradation, as detailed in your letter of September 18, 2013. It is likely that there will be questions from the NWTWB, the Proponent and interveners on these matters and your designated representative(s) at the hearing should be prepared to respond to these questions.

We would appreciate confirmation at your earliest convenience, for the purposes of scheduling, the names of personnel from AANDC who may attend at the slated NWTWB-ITH hearings in Inuvik.

Sincerely,



Roger Connolly
Vice-Chairperson
NWT Water Board

cc. Legal Counsels: ITH, IGC, NWTWB