

**Northwest Territories Water Board  
Reasons for Decision**

Issued pursuant to section 26 of the  
*Northwest Territories Waters Act, Chap 39, R.S.C.*

Water licence Number: N7L3-1531 (Type B – Municipal Undertakings)

This is the decision of the Northwest Territories Water Board for the renewal of Water licence N7L3-1531.

The Northwest Territories Water Board renewed licence N7L3-1531 in accordance with Section 18, Subsections 1-3 of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*. The project is located at latitude 72°5 North, longitude 125°14 West in the Northwest Territories.

**Background:**

Water licence N7L3-1531 originally issued in 1999 with a subsequent license renewal in 2009 for a 3 year renewal period. The present licence expires November 20, 2012. A renewal application from the Hamlet of Sachs Harbour was received by the NWTWB September 10, 2012

*Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA)*

The Water Licence renewal was exempt from the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* as it is not considered a designated physical activity or a recognized project.

*Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC)*

The Water Licence renewal was exempt from the EISC process as it qualifies under exclusion #1 of the Environmental Impact Screening Guidelines, Appendix C.

*Notice of Application*

In accordance with Rule 38 of the NWTWB Rules of Procedure, the Board gave notice of the application for a Water Licence renewal regarding the Hamlet of Sachs Harbour on October 18 in the *Inuvik Drum* (in Inuvialuktun) and on October 22 in the *NewsNorth* (in English). No notice was made in French.

*Reviewers' Comments*

The Board sent the Water Licence renewal application and supporting information for review to the following agencies: AANDC-NDMO, AANDC-WRD, DFO, EC, ILA, GNWT-ENR, GNWT-HSS and GNWT-MACA on September 28, 2012. The Board received written comments from ILA, GNWT-HSS, EC, AANDC-NDMO/WRD and GNWT-ENR by October 31, 2012. No comments were received from DFO or GNWT-MACA.

The Board considered all submitted comments at a Board meeting held November 6, 2012 in Yellowknife NT.

**Requirements of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*:**

The Hamlet of Sachs Harbour has provided the Board with its Schedule III application and supporting information for its consideration as required by Section 16 of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*.

The Board is in accordance with Paragraph 14(4)(a) of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act* by ensuring that the granting of the Water Licence renewal to the Hamlet of Sachs Harbour will not adversely affect, in a significant way, any existing Licensee, providing the conditions of Water Licence N7L3-1531 are met. There are no other applicants with precedents.

The Board does not believe that any users nor persons listed in Paragraph 14(4)(b) of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act* will be adversely affected by the use of waters or the deposit of waste proposed by the Licensee provided that the Licensee operates in accordance with the terms and conditions of Water Licence N7L3-1531.

The Board is of the view that compliance with Water Licence N7L3-1531 terms and conditions will ensure that the waste will be treated and deposited in a manner that will maintain water quality in the area and will be consistent with applicable water quality standards in accordance with Sub-Paragraph 18(2) and 14(4)(c)(i) of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*.

The Board drafted the terms and conditions of Water Licence N7L3-1531 in accordance with Section 15 of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*.

The Board did not require a security deposit be provided by the Hamlet of Sachs Harbour as per Section 17 of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*.

**Decision to renew Water Licence N7L3-1531:**

The Board has reviewed the Hamlet of Sachs Harbour renewal Application and draft Water Licence N7L3-1531 for issuance. Upon consideration of the facts and circumstances, the purpose, scope and intent of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*, the Board has determined it can renew Water Licence N7L3-1531.

For the above reasons the Board has determined to renew Water Licence N7L3-1531 in accordance with Sub-Section 18(1)(a) of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act* for the use of water and the deposit of wastes.

SIGNED this 29 day of November, 2012 on behalf of the Northwest Territories Water Board.



**Eddie Dillon**

**Chairperson, Northwest Territories Water Board**