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Dear Mr. O'Dea:

**Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board Assumes Licensing
and Permitting Responsibilities February 4th, 2006**

As you may be aware, the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA) was amended on August 4th, 2005 by the *Tłı̨chǫ Land Claims and Self-Government Act* (the amending legislation).¹ One of the important changes associated with the coming in to force of the Tłı̨chǫ Agreement and MVRMA amendments was the establishment of the Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board (WLWB).

The WLWB will function as a regional panel of the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) and will have exclusive authority over the permitting of land use and the licensing of water use or the disposal of waste into water for activities that are to take place and are likely to have an impact wholly within Wek'èezhii. Section 95 of the amending legislation provided for a 6 month period after August 4th for the WLWB to prepare for its operations.

The WLWB took over its full responsibilities on February 4th, 2006. We have reviewed the files currently under the control of the MVLWB and identified those which must be transferred to the WLWB. Your file is among the files which will become the responsibility of the WLWB. We anticipate a smooth transition and no significant changes in the way your license/permit is administered.

¹ S.C. 2005, c.1, in force 15 February 2005.

As the WLWB is not yet fully staffed, and to ensure a smooth and efficient transition, staff of the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board will continue to administer permits and licenses and process new applications.

During this interim period all inquiries, applications and other communications relating to your permit or license should be directed to the staff of the MVLWB. All correspondence relating to your permit or license should continue to be forwarded to the offices of the MVLWB.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact our Executive Director, Zabey Nevitt at (867) 669-9592 or the staff of the MVLWB at (867) 669-0506.

Sincerely,



Violet Camsell-Blondin
Interim Chair WLWB

Copied to: Eddie Erasmus, Director, Lands Protection Department
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