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**Re: North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd., Cantung Mine, NT – MV2002L2-0019
Water Management Plan – Review Comments**

Dear Jason:

On behalf of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), we are pleased to submit to the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board our review for North American Tungsten Corporation Ltd.'s (NATCL) Water Management Plan as submitted under Water Licence MV2002L2-0019.


DFO would like to offer the following comments:

- Section 5 – Why were quantities of contaminated waters given only in the appendices and not tabulated similar to freshwater quantities in Section 4? **In future revisions, a more consistent approach is advisable.**
- Section 6.2 – DFO agrees that mapping information concerning culverts and ditches be included in any revised plans. Similarly, **a section containing a description and location of all culverts, ditches, diversion channels, collection channels, etc, should be included in this revised plan and/or the upcoming *Erosion and Sediment Control Plan*.**
- Section 8.4 – **All uses of Tailings Pond 5 should be identified in this section including, but not limited to, the contingency disposal area of contaminated groundwater, disposal of excess freshwater, disposal of treated sewage after removal from Tailings Pond 4.**

- Section 10.2 – As this section discusses groundwater quality, **reference to the *Groundwater Pumping Contingency Plan should be made***. As one of the objectives of this document was to provide a “single source document for water management” exclusion of any mention of this plan may make the above statement misleading.
- Section 12.2 - Similar to comments on Section 10.2, **reference the *Groundwater Pumping Contingency Plan should be made when discussing groundwater quality monitoring***.

Should you wish clarification on any aspect of the submission, please contact me at (867) 669-4926.

Yours sincerely,



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