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RE: Comments on the Bayswater and Uravan EA Workplans

Mr. MacDonald:

With reference to the workplans for all four of the current EAs in the upper Thelon basin – Bayswater's El Lake (EA0708-004) and Crab Lake (EA0708-005) projects, and Uravan's Boomerang Lake South (EA0708-002) and Boomerang Lake North (EA0708-003) projects – the NWT Treaty #8 Tribal Corporation has one comment.

In response to the MVEIRB UR-Energy decision, the Responsible Ministers (INAC, Environment, GNWT-ENR) have committed to developing a long-term land and resource management plan in the Thelon region. This planning process is in its inception. The EAs should allow for synergies with the iterative results of this planning process. It is suggested that a component of the Scoping Phase should be a familiarization and analysis of this planning process, its objectives, and its potential outcomes. The workplans should also provide for the consideration of the potential impacts of the proposed projects and their respective EAs upon the outcomes of the planning process, and vice versa.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the workplans.

Sincerely,

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