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File: N1L3-0053

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Dear Ms. Tambour:

**Town of Hay River Class "A" Water License Amendment
Biotreatment Pad, Hay River Landfill, N1L3-0053**

The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (the Board) met on September 13, 2004 to consider the Town of Hay River's amendment request after the Public Hearing held on August 30 & 31, 2004. During the hearing the Board heard from K'atlodeeche First Nations regarding their concerns with the effects of the biotreatment facility on the water resources of the Hay River and the licensing of the facility after it had already been constructed.

The Board also noted during the hearing that GNWT Department of Resources Wildlife and Economic Development support this facility describing it as modern and properly engineered. The facility will be able to treat contaminated soils with less risk to the environment than other options currently available in the southern Northwest Territories.

The Board has determined that the amended License contains appropriate terms and conditions necessary for the protection of the environment and provides appropriate safeguards for the operation of the biotreatment facility by the Town of Hay River. As such the Board has recommended the issuance of the amended Water License to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs and is awaiting the Minister's decision.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, contact Adrian Paradis at (867) 669-0506 or email mvlwbpermit@mvlwb.com.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Director

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