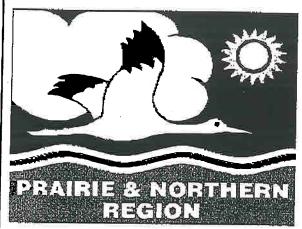
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Re: Terms of Reference and Work Plan for the Environmental Assessment – Northrock Resources Ltd. Summit Creek B-44 Exploratory Well (S02A-004/S02L1-003).

On behalf of Environment Canada, I have reviewed the Terms of Reference and Work Plan for the Environmental Assessment of the Northrock Resources Summit Creek (B-44) exploratory drilling program. Environment Canada's contribution to your request for specialist advice is based primarily on the mandated responsibilities of Section 36(3) of the Fisheries Act, the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, and the Migratory Birds Convention Act.

Comments are provided on the following sections:

3 Scope of Assessment:

- The scope of assessment could establish the physical boundaries of the screening (site specific, local, regional), or alternately, the area/boundaries should be identified within the Environmental Impact Statement.
- 4 Terms of Reference Development Description C-5 Waste Management, this section should capture the following:
- An engineered sump design, which addresses the building and maintaining of a permanent containment sump construction, should be included in the waste management description. The region is particularly sensitive to surface disturbance, disruption of the permafrost-active layer equilibrium, and related geo-technical problems.
- Construction details specific to fuel storage areas should also to be included in the waste management description.

I can be contacted at (867) 669-4736 (by e-mail at wade.romanko@ec.gc.ca) for any questions or comments with regard to the foregoing.

Yours truly,

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