

Northwest Territories Water Board Reasons for Decisions

Issued pursuant to section 26 of the
Northwest Territories Waters Act, Chap 39, R.S.C.

Water licence Number: N7L1-1762 (Type B)

This is the decision of the Northwest Territories Water Board for the amendment of Water licence N7L1-1762

Shell Canada Ltd did not apply for the amendment of licence N7L1-1762, but the Northwest Territories Water Board amended the licence in accordance with sub-paragraph 18 (1)(b)(iii) of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*. The project is located at latitude 69°12'30" North, longitude 135°06'04" West in the Northwest Territories.

Background:

Shell Canada Ltd licence N7L1-1762 was due to expire on October 31st, 2010. The licensee applied for the renewal of licence N7L1-1762 on October 1st, 2010. The timeframe given to complete the licensing process was insufficient.

The Northwest Territories Water Board met on October 28th, 2010 to review licence N7L1-1762.

Since this application is for the amendment of the date of the licence for a short period, there was no submission made to the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC), as per section 11 of the *Inuvialuit Final Agreement* (IFA), for determination of potential environmental impacts, nor was there an environmental screening of the proposed project as required by the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA).

Requirements of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*:

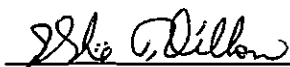
The Board is in accordance with sub-paragraph 18 (1)(b)(iii) of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*.

Decision to Amend licence N7L1-1762:

The Board has reviewed the Water licence for amendment. Upon consideration of the facts and circumstances, the purpose, scope and intent of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*, the Board has determined that it can amend licence N7L1-1762.

For the above reasons the Board has determined to amend licence N7L1-1762 in accordance with sub-paragraph 18 (1) (b) (iii) of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act* for the use of water and the deposit of wastes.

SIGNED this 29th day of October, 2010 on behalf of the Northwest Territories Water Board.



Eddie Dillon

Chairperson, Northwest Territories Water Board