



December 3-4 2019 EMAB Meeting Summary

Site Specific Risk Based Closure Criteria (SSRBCC)

- EMAB will put together a workshop to discuss SSRBCC and CCME (Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment) guidelines. Workshop proposal will be presented at the next EMAB meeting (February 26-27, 2020).

Diavik's response to EMAB's WMP recommendations:

- EMAB's WMP (Wildlife Monitoring Program) recommendations do not seem to be helping Diavik progress the WMP.
- EMAB staff will draft response recommendations and letter to Diavik Re: 2018 WMP Report recommendations.
- EMAB will continue to pursue recommending that Diavik implement a program description for the WMP.

EAQMP workshop discussion

- EMAB is looking to hold a workshop with Diavik and GNWT to discuss Diavik's Air Quality Monitoring Program (EAQMP).
 - EMAB does not think Diavik is meeting EA requirements for the EAQMP.
 - Diavik proposed to stop TSP (total suspended particulate) monitoring. This is a main concern and topic for the workshop.
- Invite people from communities and WLWB.
- Request funding from GNWT.

Inspectors report

- Diavik has a new inspector, Tom Bradbury.
- Inspector has no concerns with Diavik.

PK to mine pits update:

- EMAB has spoken with MVEIRB and they expect their report on the decision for Diavik's proposal to dispose of PK in the mine pits to be released by the end of December.

EMAB follow-up to Diavik responses to EAQMP recommendations

- Background:
 - EMAB submitted recommendations to Diavik on the EAQMP in November 2018
 - Diavik responded in January 2019, but EMAB did not receive the response
 - EMAB thought there was no response, and requested a response in October 2018
 - Diavik said they had already responded, and forwarded the attachment from January
 - EMAB reviewed the response and found that it did not address the recommendations
- EMAB will draft letter to Diavik, reiterating the recommendations and request a satisfactory response.

Annual Report Summary

- EMAB has drafted a summary of the annual report.
- Annual report summaries are to be circulated electronically, and hard copies to be provided for community meetings and community offices.



Update on GNWT long-term responsibility for mine closure policy

- The Public Lands Act was approved in August 2019. The next step is to develop regulations.
 - There will be a provision for public input.
 - Will cover leases, security adjustments, relinquishments, reclamation standards etc.
 - They are not working on long-term liability right now.
- WLWB sent a letter to Diavik in September directing Diavik to engage with GNWT on all future security adjustments.
- Diavik is trying to identify the major items with GNWT.
- GNWT is required to provide revised security estimates/adjustments by December 5. Diavik must respond by December 17, after taking GNWT estimates into account.
- Noted that WLWB sets the amount of security under the Water Licence
- Suggested EMAB needs a presentation on security from Diavik/GNWT/WLWB. EMAB also needs legislative updates. Suggestion to have a meeting on this soon.

A21 Deep Proposal

- Diavik presented on their proposal to do underground mining at A21 pit.
- EMAB will be submitting comments on the proposal. They are due on December 19.

Environmental Agreement Amendment update

- Loretta Ransom from the GNWT updated EMAB on the status of the Amendment of the Environmental Agreement for the Diavik Diamond Mine.
- Changes were made to reflect devolution (most federal roles transferred to GNWT)
- GNWT is hoping to have draft copies for Parties to sign by January. GNWT recognizes this has taken longer than originally promised.

Party Contacts

- Party contacts as described in the EA should be the recipient of all correspondence
- If the Party contact gives an alternate contact the official party contact should still be the main recipient.
- EMAB will return to sending GNWT letters to the DM since this is the contact listed in the EA. EMAB also gets.

Introduction of Diavik's new President

- Richard Storrie, Diavik's new President came to the meeting to introduce himself
- Richard is originally from the United Kingdom. He has previous experience in the mining industry and has worked for Diavik, as a Manager of Underground, in the past.

TK Panel update

- Myra Berrub gave a presentation that is designed for TK panel members to use to provide updates to their communities.
- EMAB staff presented on their experience at Diavik's TK Panel.
- EMAB Board Members agree that EMAB staff should continue to attend the TK Panel.

Additional Action items

- EMAB will draft letters to YKDFN and the Government of Canada requesting their participation with EMAB.

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- EMAB to request a presentation from Greg Sharam (presenter from the Geoscience forum) on his ZOI research.
 - Recommend that Diavik sample yellow haze or develop a program to sample it
 - Meeting minute summaries will be sent to parties after review by EMAB Board members
 - EMAB will draft letter to CIRNAC about providing participant funding for WLWB water licence hearings in addition to MEVIRB EA funding.