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Yukon Environmental Socio-economic Assessment Board  
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Dear YESAB:

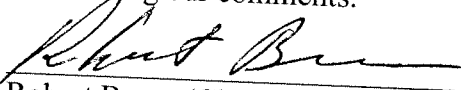
**Re: Comments for Project Number 2008-0075 – Eagle Plains Hotel Water Use  
Licence Application**

As the Renewable Resources Council in the Old Crow area we are very concerned with the Eagle Plains Hotel water licence and sewage treatment system. For many years the effects of the sewage system at the Eagle Plains Hotel has been an on-going issue for our council. It is general knowledge that there is a great deal of dead vegetation near the Eagle Plains Hotel sewage lagoon. The sewage lagoon sits very close to Vuntut Gwitchin settlement land and that land has been used to ensure the survival of the Vuntut Gwitchin people for thousands of years. At this time we would like to submit the following comments toward the Eagle Plains Hotel Water Use Licence Application.

As we understand the current application, the Eagle Plains Hotel is seeking a twenty-five year water license. Under previous water licences there have been many unsatisfactory outcomes regarding the up-keeping and monitoring of the sewage lagoon at the Eagle Plains Hotel. Upon visit to the sewage lagoon site it is clear to the naked eye that among other harmful things, the lagoon overflows and spills out onto the land, the pipes are leaking, there is not a stable fence to ensure that wildlife don't walk up to or into the lagoon and there is not proper signage present. These have been the case for an on-going basis and until it is proven that the same negative results won't occur again we cannot support a water licence for the Eagle Plains Hotel.

We feel that it would be much more beneficial to issue a temporary water licence during the installation of a new sewage treatment system and also during a trial period of preferably two years. After it has been proven that the new sewage system works well then a twenty-five year licence could be granted. This way it ensures that the new sewage treatment system is up and running successfully before issuing a licence for such a long period of time. We feel that as a result it will be more likely that the sewage system at the Eagle Plains Hotel can exist without harming the environment.

We appreciate your participation in protecting our renewable resources. Thank you for considering our comments.



Robert Bruce (Chair)

- CC: Jennifer Lee (VGG NR – Lands Manager)
- CC: Fish & Wildlife Management Board
- CC: Salmon Sub-Committee
- CC: Darius Elias (MLA)
- CC: Minister of Health and Social (YTG)
- CC: Yukon Water Board