

**Yukon
Water Board**

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August 18, 2009

Dennis Fentie, Minister
Executive Council Office
Government of Yukon
Box 2703
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2C6

Re: Emergency Discharge Application, Water Use Licence QZ01-051

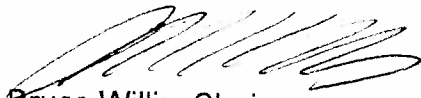
The Water Board has been asked to consider an application from Yukon Zinc for an emergency discharge from their Wolverine mine site.

Under section 21(4) of the Waters Act, the Yukon Water Board may grant an emergency amendment to a water use licence without a public hearing or providing a notice of public hearing.

Despite the short notice, the Water Board was able to receive interventions on this emergency request from other government departments and has incorporated the input into its deliberations. Upon review of the current situation and alternatives available to the licensee, the Board members made the determination at a special Board meeting today that an emergency exists and that it is in the best public interest that this one time discharge application proceed.

Attached, for your approval, is an amendment to the above licence. The reasons for decision will be issued at a later date. Should you be favourably inclined to grant your consent, pursuant to the requirements of the Waters Act, the Board will proceed with the amendment.

Yours truly,


Bruce Willis, Chairperson
YUKON WATER BOARD