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**To:** [Bernesky, Ryan](#)  
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Good morning Ryan,

As there is no fresh water use or deposit of waste near fresh water no water licence or approval is required. The Nunavut Water Board would appreciate before and after photos and a summary of the site decommissioning work.

The Nunavut Water Board understands the historical base camp at the McConnell MBS has not been operational since the 1980s and was more used in the 1960s/1970s.

Regards,

Richard



On Wed, Aug 7, 2024 at 6:16 PM Bernesky, Ryan <[Ryan.Bernesky@stantec.com](mailto:Ryan.Bernesky@stantec.com)> wrote:

Hi Richard,

Thanks for taking my call today to discuss the McConnell River (Kuugaariuk) Migratory Bird Sanctuary Site (MBS) Decommissioning Project. As we discussed, the proposed site decommissioning will consist of removing the remaining dilapidated structures at the site as well as associated waste debris. Water withdrawals will not be made during the course of the site decommissioning and further no water deposits are proposed.

Site decommissioning and waste removal of five areas within the former Environment and Climate Change Canada Base Camp, McConnell River (Kuugaariuk) Migratory Bird Sanctuary is proposed to be completed in September 2024. The five areas for site decommissioning and waste removal in 2024 include:

1. Base Camp - consisting of one main wooden building and two wooden sheds;
2. West Viewing Tower - located approximately 5 km northwest of Base Camp;
3. Third Viewing Tower - located 3 km south-southeast of Base Camp;
4. Remote Drum Cache near West Viewing Tower; and
5. Remote Drum Cache near Base Camp.

Helicopter transportation will support transportation of personnel, equipment and materials to and from Arviat to complete the site decommissioning and surface waste removal activities. It is anticipated that the selected construction contractor would transport a mini skid steer and portable hand tools by helicopter sling load to Base Camp to support demolition and loading Mega Bags.

It is expected that the work could be completed with a crew consisting of four construction/remediation personnel and one wildlife monitor on site. These personnel would work at the site completing the demolition, sorting, containerization and slinging of the waste materials. A second group, consisting of two construction/remediation personnel and one

wildlife monitor would work at the staging area in Arviat to unload waste materials and secure them for storage until transported by Sealift. The construction / remediation foreman, Nunami Stantec representative and the local cultural guide would split their time between the two work sites. There will be no scheduled overnight stays (i.e., camp) at the McConnell Migratory Bird Sanctuary and the crew will return to Arviat at the end of each working day (expected to take approximately 2 weeks).

The site location is provided in the attached figure. If could please respond to confirm that a NWB license is not required for this project, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

Ryan

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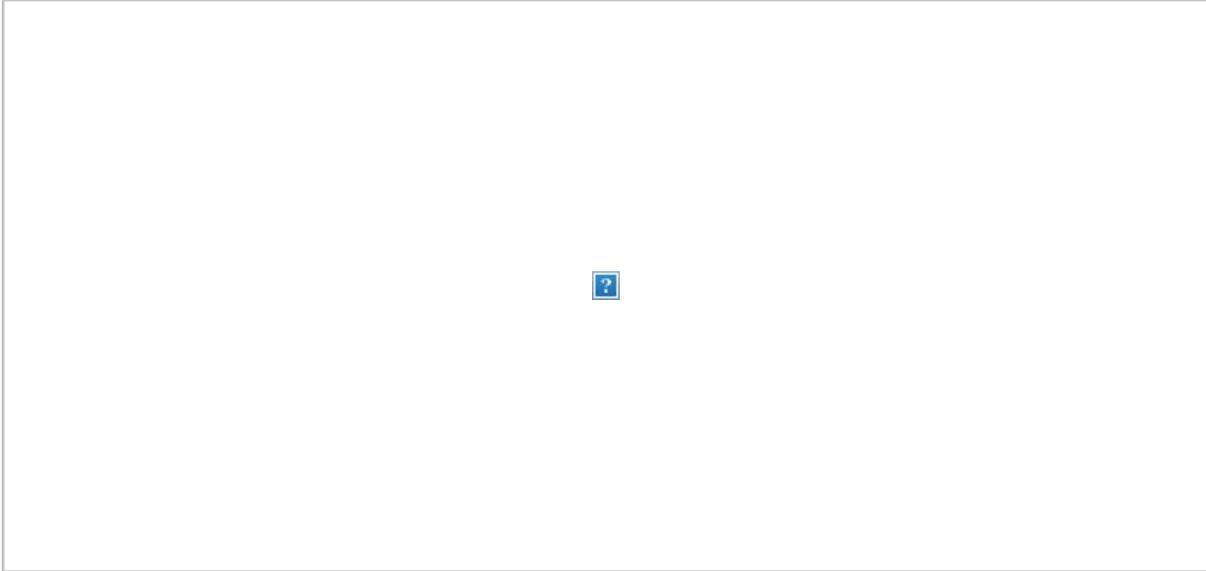
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Hi Ryan,

We just chatted over the telephone.

Richard



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