

May 11, 2015

Mr. Johnny Weyallon
Chairman
Snap Lake Environmental Monitoring Agency
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Re: Potential Exceedance of TDS at SNP 02-18 in January 2015 (MV2011L2-0004)

Dear Mr. Weyallon,

The inspector is in receipt of your letter dated May 4, 2015 recommending an investigation to confirm that De Beers is in compliance with water licence MV2011L2-0004.

The Inspector appreciates the recommendation and the model data presented in your letter; however, cannot initiate an investigation based on model predictions. The Inspector will need to review the data received under the Surveillance Network program to determine whether there has been an exceedance at SNP 08-18. Should an exceedance be reported the Inspector would initiate a confirmatory sampling program to determine the extent of non-compliance, and if necessary conduct an investigation.

Pursuant to conditions under the recently approved amendments to Water Licence MV2011L2-0004 the maximum whole lake average concentration of 350 mg/L Total Dissolved Solids is no longer a requirement for Snap Lake Mine; therefore, the Inspector does not expect a water licence exceedance to be reported in the next SNP report.

Again the Inspector would like to thank you for your recommendation and is welcoming of any input from SLEMA. The Inspector can be contacted anytime via the contact information below should you want to discuss this or any other topic.

Sincerely;



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