



Watson Lake Mining Recorder
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May 7, 2020

C1Q00197/
Q2020_0032
By Email

Brian Atkinson
Oxford Road 8
Bright, ON N0J 1B0

Dear Brian Atkinson:

Re: Class 1 Notification C1Q00197 – Q2020_0032 Allowed with additional terms and conditions

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification C1Q00197 – Q2020_0032 and proposed work program (June 10, 2020- October 31, 2020) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

- The operator shall cease work when any caribou are observed on active claim blocks until caribou move off on their own accord.
- The operator shall minimize disturbance to caribou specific habitat (lichen) within the project area.
- The operator shall not restrict access, availability and use of the area for traditional harvest purposes.

To help improve the environmental performance of your program, you are encouraged to refer to the attached operational guidelines. In addition, you are encouraged to contact affected First Nations to further discuss your program.

Class 1 work cannot occur on claims/leases that have lapsed or pending claims/leases until they are granted by a Mining Recorder. Please ensure the claims/leases within your Class 1 Notification are in good standing prior to beginning your work program. Any work occurring on pending or lapsed claims/leases will be in contravention of the *Quartz Mining Act* and *Territorial Lands (Yukon) Act* and representation work conducted will not be accepted by the Mining Recorder.

Please note: the notification will expire on May 6, 2021 and all reclamation must be completed at the end of the program or prior to the expiry of this notification, whichever comes first. All proposed activities must abide by Schedule 1 (Operating Conditions) of the Quartz Mining Land Use Regulation. In the event that claims/leases lapse, a Class 3 or 4 authorization is issued, or that agreements to operate on claims/leases are dissolved, the Class 1 notification becomes null and void for that portion of the program, where there is no right to the minerals.

If you have any questions about this letter, please contact the district office by phone at 867-536-7366, fax at 867-536-7842, or email at watson.mining@gov.yk.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'BML', is positioned above the printed name and title of the signatory.

Bobbie Milnes
Chief of Mining Land Use

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 Environmental Affairs Branch, Environment

Operational Guidelines for Class 1 Notifications

Aircraft Use

If project activities involve the use of aircrafts, flight paths and protocols should be based on the following published guidelines:

- Flying in Sheep Country: How to Minimize Disturbance from Aircraft
<https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-flying-sheep-country.pdf>
- Flying in Caribou Country: How to Minimize Disturbance from Aircraft
<https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-flying-caribou-country.pdf>

Human – Bear Conflicts

For information on reducing human – bear conflicts and encouraged practices, review the following guides:

- Proponent's Guide: Assessing and Mitigating the Risk of Human-Bear Encounters
<https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-proponents-guide-human-bear-encounters.pdf>
- Guidelines for Industrial Activity in Bear Country
<https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-guidelines-industrial-activity-bear-country.pdf>
- Reducing Wildlife Conflict with Electric Fencing: A Beginner's Guide
https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-electric-fencing_en.pdf

Working in and around water

Project activities may have the potential to affect water quantity, quality and/or rate of flow. The practices described in the following document should be applied:

- Best Management Practices for Works Affecting Water in Yukon
<https://yukon.ca/sites/yukon.ca/files/env/env-preferred-practices-works-affecting-yukon-waters.pdf>

Invasive species

For more information on minimizing the risk and consequences of spreading invasive plant species, review the following document and website:

- "Why Should I Care About Invasive Species"
<https://www.yukoninvasives.com/index.php/en/resources/brochures/31-why-should-i-care-about-invasive-species/file>
- Yukon Invasive Species Council website
<https://www.yukoninvasives.com/index.php/en/invasive-species/plants>

Heritage Resources

To better understand how to manage potential impacts to heritage resources, refer to the following documents:

- Mineral Exploration Best Management Practices for Heritage Resources
http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca/pdf/Mineral_Exploration_BMP_for_Heritage_Resources.pdf
- Best Management Practices for Burial Sites and Human Remains in Yukon
http://www.tc.gov.yk.ca/pdf/BurialSites_BMP_2014.pdf