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Floyd Adlem Acting Chair, Mackenzie Land and Water Board 4922 - 48th Street 7th Floor YK Centre Mall P.O Box 2130 X1A 2P6

Dear Mr. Adlem,

<u>Re: Review of the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board's Guidelines for Effluent</u> <u>Mixing Zones</u>

The Independent Environmental Monitoring Agency (Agency) has reviewed the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board's Guidelines for Effluent Mixing Zones and supports their implementation. In particular, the Agency is pleased to see the criteria for establishing regulated mixing zones support the principle of pollution prevention, as compared to 'pollute up to' limits, and clearly state that conditions within the mixing zone should not cause acute toxicity to aquatic organisms. These are principles the Agency has supported and promoted over the years.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, the Agency would be pleased to discuss these at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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Jaida Ohokannoak Chairperson