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Ms. Tracy Braun
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Dear Ms. Braun:

I am writing to request an extension to Clauses 22 and 31 of the Environment Act Licence No. 2691:

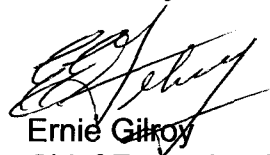
Clause 22 requires the submission of an Operation Phase Environmental Protection Plan for all operating scenarios of the development by July 8, 2007. I am requesting a one year extension for that submission. The reasons for the request are that:

1. The work on the inlet structure has been delayed due to difficulties in contracting qualified firms for the work. Accordingly, the operating manuals and practices cannot be finalized at this time.
2. The work on the outlet structure has not yet begun and the detailed environmental measures have not been developed pending the results of groundwater mitigation measures incorporated into the design.
3. The roles and responsibilities previously assigned to Manitoba Water Stewardship have been shared with Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation. The Manitoba Floodway Authority, Manitoba Water Stewardship and Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation are in the process of finalizing the details associated with the division of roles and responsibilities in accordance with the new departmental mandates.
4. New and innovative erosion and sediment control measures are being incorporated into the floodway channel construction. Since the development is being constructed following adaptive management principles, the final environmental protection plans associated with ongoing maintenance activities and the success of these erosion and sediment control measures cannot be finalized at this time.

Clause 31 requires the submission of a health risk assessment with respect to groundwater contamination for the development by July 8, 2007. I am requesting an extension until March 31, 2008 for the submission. The preparation of such an assessment requires a highly specialized and experienced consultant. As well, the Manitoba Floodway Authority required that the consultants be independent and completely arms length from the Authority. Considerable time and effort was expended to find a qualified consultant that met the independence criterion. A consultant has been engaged and has begun work on the project. As well, certain groundwater protection measures have not yet been finalized. Accordingly, to ensure a thorough and rigorous assessment the work cannot be completed in accordance with the licence timeline.

Thank you for your consideration of these requested extensions.

Yours truly,



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