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Ms. Tracey Braun, MSc.
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Dear Ms. Braun:

Project No: 60221902.405

Regarding: Amendment to Spruce Woods Lagoon Replacement Environment Act Proposal

On behalf of Parks and Natural Areas Branch (Conservation and Water Stewardship) and The Manitoba Water Services Board (Manitoba Local Government), please accept this amendment to the *Environment Act* Proposal (EAP) for the Spruce Woods Lagoon Replacement project, which was filed with Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship on June 14, 2013.

Section 2.2.5 of the EAP provides information with respect to decommissioning of the existing lagoon and indicates that sludge will be disposed of at the City of Brandon Landfill. The following amendment is proposed:

Once the sludge from the existing lagoon has been sufficiently assessed and dewatered, agricultural land application will be implemented as the primary disposal option. Once determined feasible, a separate *Environment Act* Proposal will be submitted to Conservation and Water Stewardship in accordance with the applicable provincial regulations for the land application program. A secondary option for disposal will be considered, if necessary, in the form of land-filling at the City of Brandon Landfill, which will entail slump testing to ensure that the sludge meets the disposal criteria for the City of Brandon Landfill.

If you require any clarification or any additional information, please feel free to contact myself or Stephen Biswanger at (204) 928-8472.

Sincerely,

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