



Dawson Mining District
Box 249 (K-DA)
Dawson City, YT, Y0B 1G0

March 23, 2023

P2023_0053
By Email

John Shurko

Dear John Shurko:

Re: Class 1 Notification P2023_0053 - Allowed with additional terms and conditions.

This letter is to inform you that your Class 1 Notification P2023_0053 is valid as of March 24, 2023.

Your Class 1 Notification and proposed work program (March 24, 2023 - March 23, 2024) is allowed to proceed with the following terms and conditions:

1. The map provided identifies areas with elevated potential for heritage resources. The operator shall not conduct land-altering activities within these areas unless prior approval has been granted by the Heritage Resources Unit. The operator may contact heritage.review@yukon.ca for more information on the areas of heritage potential or to discuss potential mitigation options.
2. The notification area is in a fossil-bearing drainage. As per the Schedule 1 Operating Conditions, all palaeontological resources uncovered during operations must be reported to the Government of Yukon and the Yukon First Nation on whose traditional territory the resources are uncovered.
3. The proponent shall communicate plans and timing of activities to the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun Lands and Resources Department (867-996-2265).

4. If active bird nests are discovered, project activities shall be postponed in the nesting area until nesting is complete.
5. The operator shall install and maintain safety fencing around all trenches/shafts deeper than two meters and install covers over the openings of all trenches/shafts with material capable of preventing people or wildlife from inadvertently falling into the trenches/shafts.
6. The operator shall backfill each trench/shaft once a geological evaluation of the trench/shaft has been completed or prior to the end of the work program date identified in this Class 1, whichever occurs first.
7. Drill holes shall be decommissioned and backfilled or plugged to avoid wildlife entrapment.
8. You are reminded of Schedule 1 Operating Condition #17 which states: "A spill contingency plan for petroleum products and other hazardous substances must be prepared and posted in the camp and at all fuel handling locations used in carrying out the operation."
9. Upon discovery of a heritage resource the proponent shall notify the Heritage Department of First Nation Na-Cho Nyäk Dun (867-996-2265 ext.133) in addition to the Government of Yukon, Chief of Mining Lands and Heritage Department.
10. You are reminded that you must comply with the Schedule 1 Operating Conditions, especially #33, which states: "All reasonable care must be taken in carrying out an operation near or adjacent to a water body to prevent sediment from entering a water body, unless otherwise permitted by law." You are also reminded that a leave strip is required for all placer streams for the protection of riparian areas, and its dimensions are dependent on the stream's habitat suitability classification as defined in the Fish Habitat Management System for Yukon's Placer Mining.
11. The operator should share wildlife observation information with the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun Lands and Resources Department (867-996-2265 ext. 141).
12. Off road use in the summer should be kept to a minimum, as much as possible.
13. The claim(s) included in the notification also overlaps with wildlife key area for beaver. To reduce impacts to beaver, best management practices are encouraged and all wildlife should be given the right of way.

Security may be required at any time by the Chief. The operator must furnish security within thirty (30) days of receiving the written notice from the Chief of the requirement to post security.

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 *Placer 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 March 23, 2024 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 *Placer 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 867-993-5343, fax at 867-993-6747, or email at dawson.mining@yukon.ca.

Sincerely,
Kelly Constable

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelly Constable".

Chief of Placer Land Use

cc
Tourism and Culture
First Nation of Na-cho Nyäk Dun
Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in