

Version 3 Hammond Reef Gold Project EIS/EA – Addendum (Part B)
Responses to Provincial Information Requests

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| Identifier | Topic | Reference to EIS/EA Report | Summary of Comment | Proponent's Response | Subsequent Comment |
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| | | | <i>Date: March 2014</i> | <i>Date: June 2015</i> | |
| MNR-ER 1 | Emergency response | | <p>Seek clarification from the Town of Atikokan to confirm whether there is a capacity to provide structural fire protection services. Identify MNR as responsible agency for providing response to forest fires.</p> <p>The direct impact of forest fires on the mine site is described however fires occurring a greater distance from the mine site may also have operational impacts but have not been considered in this section. Consider other impacts that may result from forest fires that are occurring in areas not immediately adjacent to the site / facility but still have potential to impact operations (e.g., power disruptions caused by forest fires along the transmission line).</p> <p>The response does not answer/address the concern. The concern is that non-treated water is being described as a possible source for firefighting. Need to provide clarification on the quality of water and contaminants present in the PPCP that is being planned as a source of water.</p> | <p>A local monitoring committee will be established to allow for ongoing communications with the local members of the public. It is anticipated that the Community Consultation Committee will be formed prior to the construction phase of the Project and will include representatives from the emergency response and preparedness sector as well as municipal infrastructure and services representatives.</p> <p>A Risk Management Plan will be developed for the Project following EA approval. This plan will consider potential accidents, contingency measures and associated environmental risks, such as forest fires outside the immediate area of the Project.</p> <p>In the unlikely event of a fire at the site, the water in the PPCP is readily available for use. The multiple ditches and collection ponds within the water management system will recollect and channel the water back to the PPCP, therefore minimizing the release of contaminants into the environment. It is unlikely that operations would proceed during a forest fire, therefore although not expected; there is ample storage capacity in the pits to store water if required.</p> | MNR-16 |