

# IMPROVING COMPLIANCE, CAPACITY, AND COMMUNICATION

## The Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board's Approach with Community Water Licences

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# Outline

- Who we are and what we do
- WLWB and Community Water Licences
- The Community Training Program
  - Compliance
  - Capacity Building
  - Communication



# Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board

- The purpose of the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board (WLWB) is to regulate the use of land and water and the deposit of waste throughout the Wek'èezhìi Management Area.
- Providing for the conservation, development and utilization of land and water resources to provide the optimum benefit for all Canadians and, in particular, for residents of Wek'èezhìi.



# The Wek'èezhì Management Area



Boards regulate the use of land and water, and the deposit of waste, through issuance of permits and licences

## Legislation

(Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (*MVRMA*), NWT Waters Act, Land Claims, etc.)

**Land and Water  
Boards**

**Land Use Permits**

**Water Licences**

# Wek'èezhì Land and Water Board



# WLWB Mandate – Community Water Licences

- No Land Use Permits
- Water Use – Quantity Only
- Not Drinking Water Quality
- Solid Waste Disposal
- Sewage Disposal



# WLWB Toolbox – Community Water Licences

- Terms and Conditions
- Management Plans
- Enforcement and Compliance
- Annual Reporting
- Sampling and Monitoring – Surveillance Network Programs (SNP)



# Community Water Licences - Challenges

- Communities without water licences
- Management Plans
- Enforcement and Compliance
- Annual Reporting
- Sampling and Monitoring – Surveillance Network Programs (SNP)
- Capacity!!!



# Community Water Licences Challenges – What to do?

- Licence all Communities
- Management Plans - Guidelines
- Enforcement and Compliance
- Annual Reporting - Templates
- Sampling and Monitoring – Surveillance Network Programs (SNP)
- Capacity!!!



# Training Objectives

- COMPLIANCE



- Water Licence/SNP Requirements

- CAPACITY



- Sampling/Reporting Protocols

- COMMUNICATION



- Communities, Organizations, Partners

# This talk will....

- Highlight some examples over the last year (**WHAT**)
- Highlight the training approaches and methods we use (**HOW**)

# WHAT

Train communities to comply with Water Licence requirements

- Terms & Conditions
- Surveillance Network Program



# Example 1: Wekweeti



Wekweeti solid waste facility

**STATUS: Non-Compliant with Water Licence**

- SNP Sampling not conducted
- No Annual Report on File
- No Management Plans on File

# The Wek'èezhì Management Area



# Wekweeti

September 7, 2010

- ½ Day Classroom Discussion
- ½ Day Field SNP Sampling

October 14, 2010

- ½ Community Sampling

November 25, 2010

- Results & Reporting



# Who Was There?

- Chief Charlie Football
- Community SAO
- Foreman and Field Staff
- INAC – Waters, Inspectors
- GNWT – MACA
- WLWB
- Interested community members
- Absent: EC, Ecology North

Wekweeti solid waste facility



# We focussed on sampling procedures



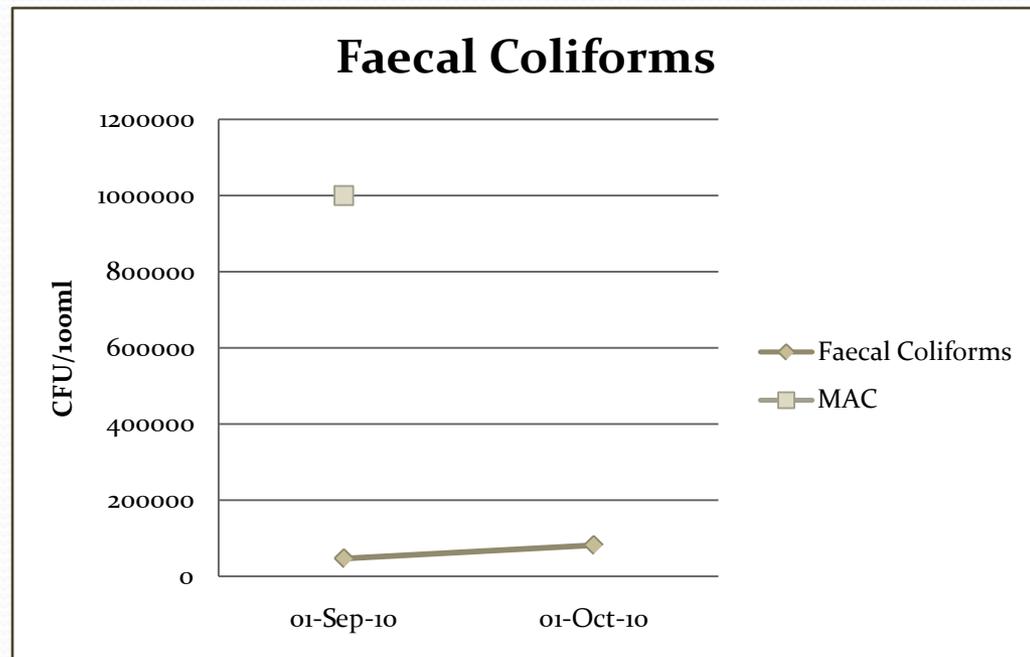
# Results & Reporting

- Annual Report Template
- Sampling Results Template

Parameters		Sample Date:	07-Sep-10	14-Oct-10
	Max. Av. Conc.			
Suspended Solids (mg/L)	240		126	36
Oil & Grease (mg/L)	5		Incomplete	5
BOD5 (mg/L)	260		Incomplete	38
Fecal Coliforms (CFU/100ml)	1000000		48000	83000
pH	6 to 9		6.67	6.86
Total Mercury (ug/L)			<0.01	<0.01
Ammonia (mg/L)			3.94	14.3

# Results...

- Graphing Trends



# Results...

- Community Communication



Sewage Outflow	Compliance
TSS	😊
BOD	😊
pH	😊
Faecal Col.	😊
Oil & Grease	😊

# Example 2: Behchoko



Edzo sewage cell outflow channel  
Photo Credit: Mary Kelly

**STATUS: Non-Compliant with Water Licence**

- SNP Sampling not conducted
- No Recent Annual Report on File
- Missing Management Plans

Rae decant

Photo Credit: Mary Kelly

# Behchoko

October 15, 2010

- ½ Day Field SNP Sampling



November 4, 2010

- ½ Day Classroom Discussion
- Results & Reporting



# Who Was There?

- Community SAO & Lands Officer
- Foreman, Waters/Works staff
- EC
- INAC – Waters, Inspectors
- GNWT – MACA
- Ecology North
- WLWB
- (updated Chief Council Mtg)



Rae water treatment facility



# We focussed on management plans (O&M Plan)



Rae solid waste facility



Edzo sewage cell

Photo Credit: Mary Kelly

# Results & Reporting

- Annual Report Template
- Sampling Results Template
- Will aid in graphing trends
- Will aid in community communication

# TRAINING METHODS

- Cater content to the community



Sampling Procedures,  
Wekweeti



Solid Waste Facility,  
Behchoko

# TRAINING METHODS

- Easy to follow for current and new staff
- Visual Field Guide, Templates

## Order Bottles From Taiga Lab



- Taiga Lab:  
867-669-2788

## Get Your Vaccinations



- Hepatitis A&B
- Tetanus

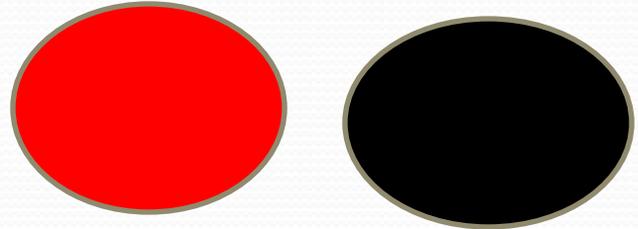
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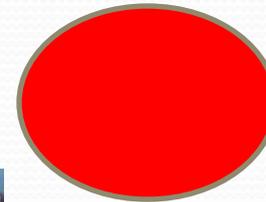
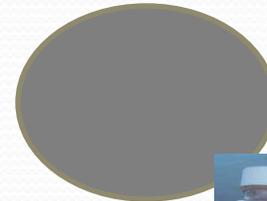
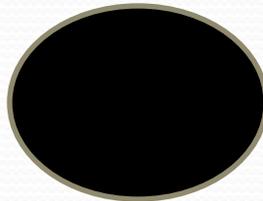
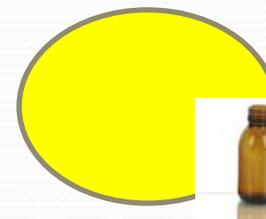
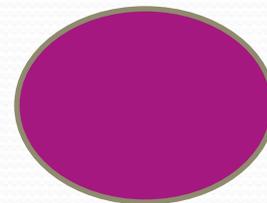
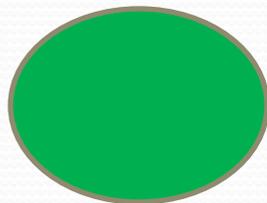
Once a month from June – October

May require multiple samples, such as those collected in October.

Behchoko



# SNP 001-3: Snare Lake wetland outflow

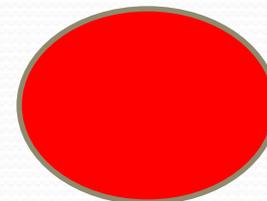
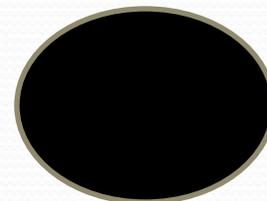
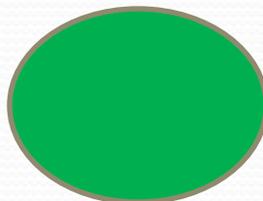


# SNP 001-4: Domestic solid waste runoff

A



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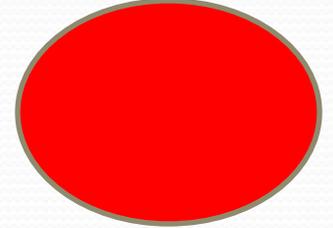
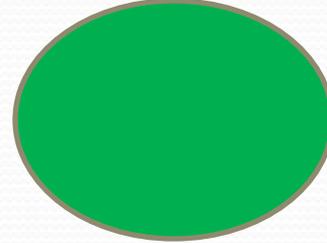
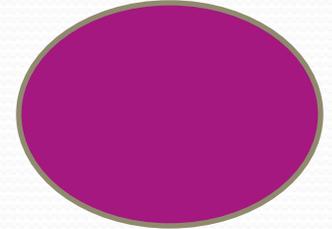
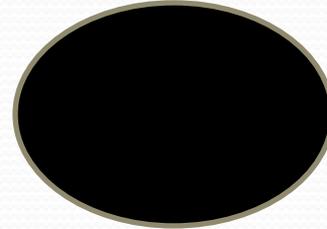


If there is no water pooling at the domestic solid waste site, take one from the wetland

# Procedures

- Rinse X 3
- Fill to top

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# Next Steps:

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# Are We Meeting Our Objectives?

- COMPLIANCE  • Are communities starting to comply?
- CAPACITY  • Are communities sampling & reporting?
- COMMUNICATION  • Are partnerships developing?

# QUESTIONS?

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