

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'èezhìi 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.)

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(Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA), NWT Waters Act, Land Claims, etc.)"] --> B["Land and Water Boards"]; B --> C["Land Use Permits"]; B --> D["Water Licences"]
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Land and Water Boards

Land Use Permits

Water Licences

Wek'èezhìi 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'èezhìi 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



Wekweeti wetland

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

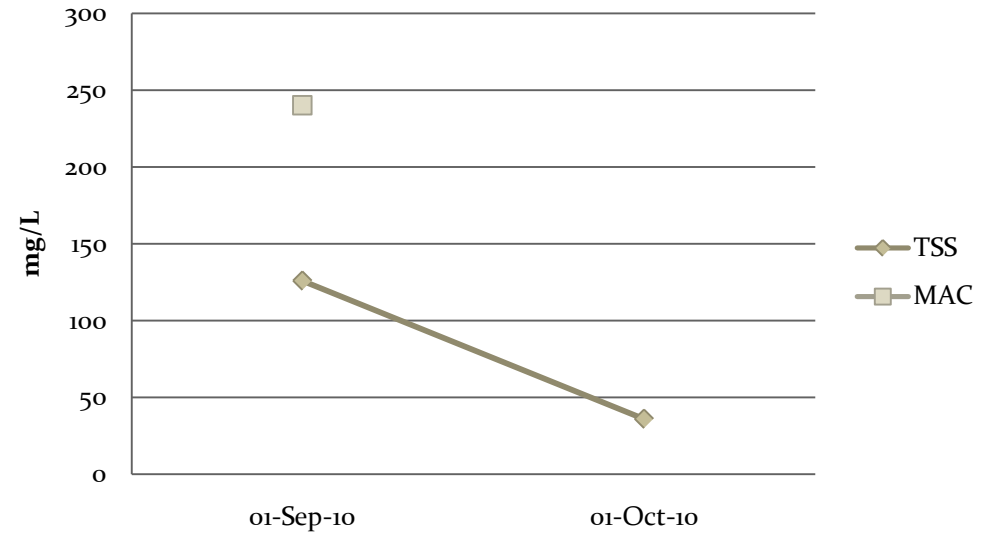
- Annual Report Template
- Sampling Results Template

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

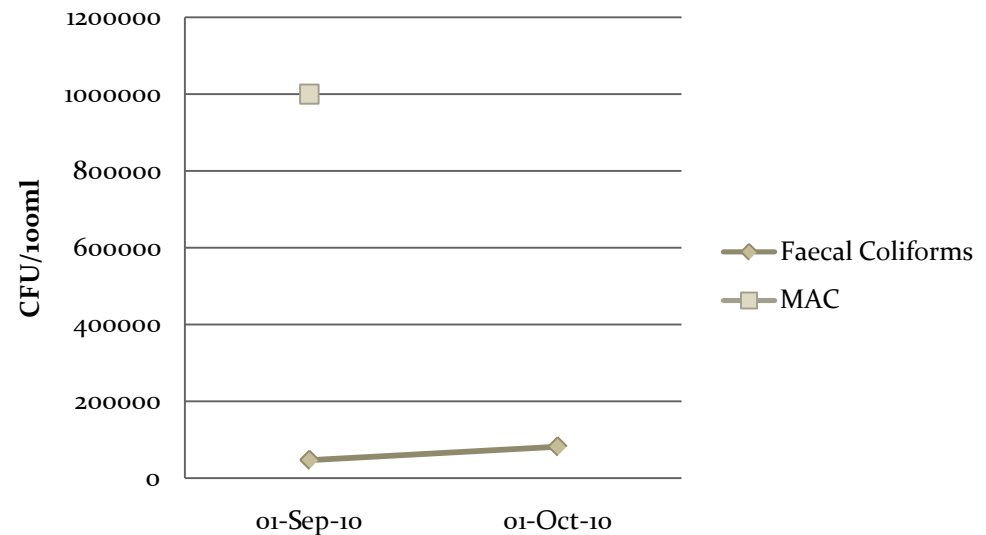
Results...

- Graphing Trends

Total Suspended Solids








Faecal Coliforms



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
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Order Bottles From Taiga Lab



- Taiga Lab:
867-669-2788

Get Your Vaccinations



- Hepatitis A&B
- Tetanus

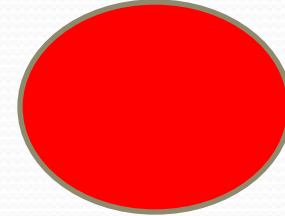
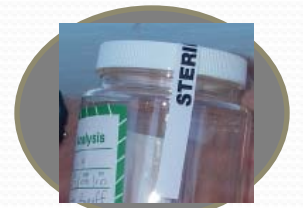
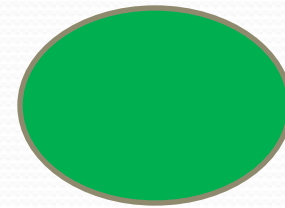
SNP 0041-R8: Runoff from solid waste disposal facility



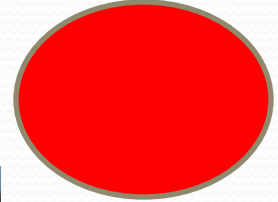
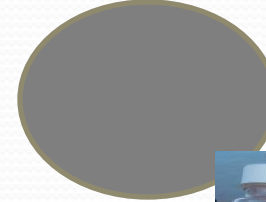
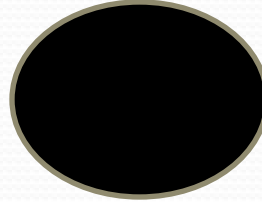
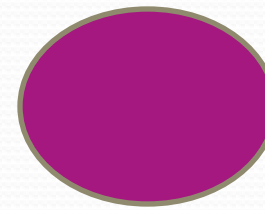
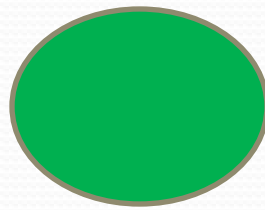
May require multiple
samples, such as
those collected in
October.

Behchoko

Once a month
from
June – October



SNP 001-3: Snare Lake wetland outflow

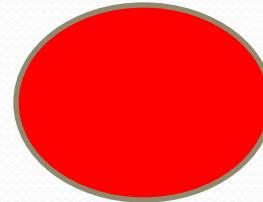
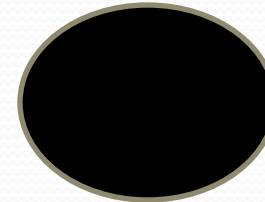
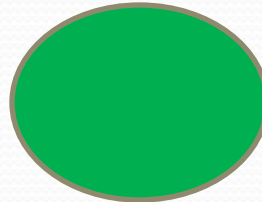


SNP 001-4: Domestic solid waste runoff

A



B

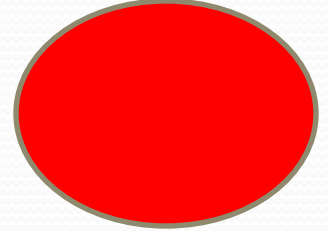
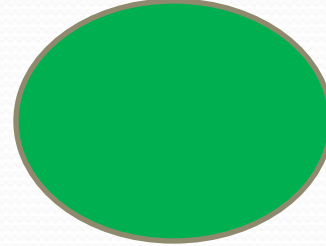
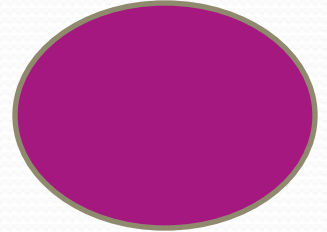
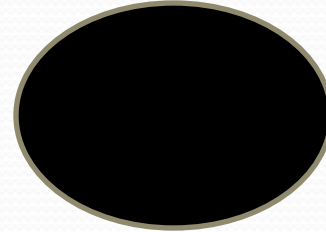


If there is no water pooling at the domestic solid waste site, take one from the wetland

Procedures

- Rinse X 3
- Fill to top

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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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