



November 18, 2022

Ms. Janna Switzer
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Subject: Outcome of CNSC Staff Conformity Review of the October 21, 2022 Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Wheeler River Project

Dear Ms. Switzer:

On October 21, 2022, Denison Mines Corp. (Denison) submitted a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Wheeler River Project, proposed for the Athabasca Basin region of Northern Saskatchewan [1]. CNSC staff have conducted a conformity review of this submission, along with the supporting information submitted by Denison on November 9, 2022 [2], to form a conclusion on whether the required information has been provided, in order to proceed with the EIS technical review.

The scope of the conformity review was to evaluate this submission against CNSC staff's [*Generic Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*](#).

Review Results:

CNSC staff have found the submission to contain the required information, to proceed with the technical review of the draft EIS.

Next Steps:

On November 21, 2022 or shortly thereafter, CNSC staff will post the draft EIS, the Executive Summary, and all Technical Support Documents on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (CIAR) page for the [Wheeler River Project \(Reference number: 80178\)](#). The Federal-Indigenous-Review-Team (FIRT) will then begin a 120-day technical review of the draft EIS submission and at the same time, or shortly thereafter, a 90-day public comment period will commence.

Near the end of the technical review period, CNSC staff will then compile the FIRT Information Request (IR) Table. This will be sent back to Denison for response no later than March 21, 2022.

A compiled table of comments from First Nations, Métis and the public will also be shared with Denison before the end of April, 2022. Submissions will be posted to the CIAR as they are received, throughout this comment period.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly by phone at 343-540-6213 or by email at jessica.way@cnsccsn.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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References:

- [1] Letter and email, J. Switzer (Denison) to J. Way (CNSC), *Denison Mines: Wheeler River Draft EIS*, October 21, 2022 ([e-Doc: 6913198](#))
- [2] Email, J. Switzer (Denison) to J. Way (CNSC), *RE: Wheeler River Conformity Review - Update and Requests*, November 9, 2022 ([e-Doc: 6913199](#))