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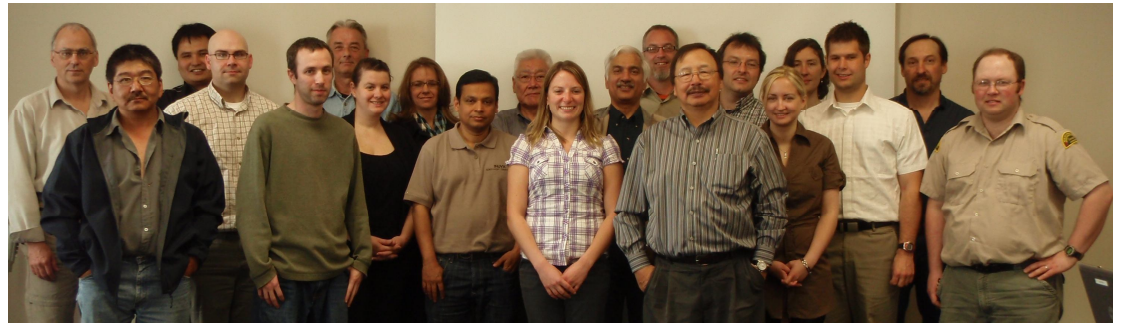
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WATER BOARD HOSTS DOWN HOLE INJECTION ISR WORKSHOP

HEADLINES:

- NWTWB co-hosts Down Hole Injection workshop with INAC and NEB in Inuvik
- Board visits MGM Energy's West Delta project
- Board holds meeting in Tuktoyaktuk re: Municipal Water Licences
- Chairman Eddie Dillon presents at 9th annual IPS
- NWTWB Attends NWT Board Forum held in Hay River



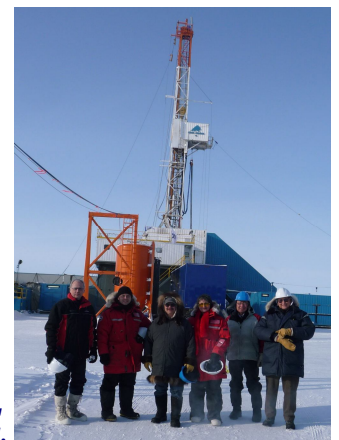
Down hole injection workshop attendees, Inuvik—June 2009

The NWT Water Board (NWTWB), Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) - North Mackenzie District and the National Energy Board (NEB) hosted a two day workshop (June 8-9) in Inuvik to inform Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR) regulatory agencies about the practice and regulation of Down Hole Injection of oil and gas drilling wastes. "While DHI may be common in Alberta and Alaska, it is a new technique in the ISR", said Mike Harlow, NWTWB Executive Director. "The organizers felt it was important for regional regulatory agencies to be as informed as possible". Representatives from NWTWB,

INAC, NEB, Environmental Impact Screening Committee, Environmental Impact Review Board, Inuvialuit Land Administration, Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board, Environment Canada and the Government of the NWT participated in an information session presented by MiSWACO - a recognized expert in drilling waste injection - and then discussed aspects of the activity's regulation. Participants agreed the workshop was successful - "Not only was it good to learn about DHI it was also great to see regulators working together", said Eli Arkin, EIRB Environmental Assessment Coordinator.

WATER BOARD VISITS DRILLING OPERATION AND MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

"It's one thing to read about an activity or location, it's another to actually see it", said Eddie Dillon, NWTWB Chair with respect to two recent site visits by the NWTWB. On March 19 the Board visited MGM Energy's 'West Delta' drilling program on the edge of the Mackenzie Delta and on June 24 the Board was given a tour of the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk's municipal facilities prior to holding a Board meeting in town the next day. "Touring the facilities and talking with the workers only helps us make better decisions" said Board member Dave Emery. At both locations Board members were shown how water licence conditions are being met, and where challenges exist. A big thanks to both MGM and the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk for organizing these tours!



L-R: Emery Paquin, Mike Harlow, Eddie Dillon, Freda Wilson, Rudy Cockney and Dave Emery.

WATER BOARD ATTENDS NWT BOARD FORUM IN HAY RIVER

NWTWB Executive Director Mike Harlow attended the NWT Board Forum on behalf of Chairman Eddie Dillon - "Eddie was stuck in Tuk; weathered in". Board Forum member Gaetan Caron of the NEB facilitated a Strategic Planning Session which was well received by all in attendance. "The NWTWB looks forward to collaborating with other NWT resource management Boards to achieve the goals set out at the Forum", said Eddie Dillon.

CHAIRMAN EDDIE DILLON PRESENTS AT INUVIK PETROLEUM SHOW

Chairman Eddie Dillon was part of a panel titled 'Lessons Learned From the MGP Review Process' at the 9th annual Inuvik Petroleum Show held June 17-18. He was joined by Willard Hagen, Chair of the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board, Chris Cuddy, Executive Director of the Mackenzie Gas Project Office and session Chair Brendan Bell. "I decided not to get into too much detail about the JRP and the project specifically, as this board might be holding it's own MGP hearings. Instead I focused on key principles, especially proper planning". Other key principles mentioned were: process, relationships, communication and resources.

MEET NEWEST SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER!

NWTWB was pleased to welcome Sarah McKenzie as Regulatory Coordinator in February. Sarah brings a unique combination of water resources expertise and knowledge of the Inuvialuit Settlement Region's regulatory framework. Sarah previously worked for INAC's Water Resources Division in Yellowknife and more recently with the Canadian Wildlife Service in Inuvik. "We're very happy with Sarah's performance so far and look forward to working with her in the future" said Emery Paquin, Board member.



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