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Non-consolidated YESAA Decision Documents issued at various stages in the water licensing process

The Yukon Water Board (“Board”) wishes to clarify its processes when non-consolidated *Yukon Environmental and Socio-Economic Assessment* (“YESAA”) Decision Documents (“DD”) are issued for water licence applications at different times in the licensing process.

Pursuant to YESAA, a Government of Yukon (“YG”) DD must be issued prior to the Board advancing an application through the licensing process. Per YESAA section 86, prior to making a decision on the application, the Board must consider all DDs to ensure it does not issue a water licence or set conditions in respect of waters that conflict with a DD.

In relation to non-consolidated DDs, when a YG DD is issued prior to other DDs the Board must decide to advance the application in the licensing process or hold it until all DDs are issued. If the Board chooses to advance the application to the licensing process with the YG DD, a second public comment period may be required if the subsequent DDs contain new information.