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MANITOBA ENVIRONMENT

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MESSAGE: Re Treatment of Wash Water, Centra Gas Site Investigation,
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The permitting requirements for on-site treatment of the 1000 gallons of water currently in storage will be dependent on the analytical results for this water.

If the water falls within a provincial hazardous waste classification, our Dangerous Goods Handling & Transportation Act requires that a Directors Approval be obtained for waste treatment at the generation site. This would require a submission from the proponent outlining the details of the proposed treatment system. Public consultation is normally not required and an approval for this scale of operation could be processed in a week to ten days. If this water was to be shipped off-site for treatment, it must go to a facility licensed for that purpose.

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If the water is not considered to be hazardous waste, a formal approval for on-site treatment would not be required, assuming that the effluent meets City of Winnipeg sewer by-law criteria. This also assumes that the treatment system does not discharge other contaminants which may affect environmental quality. If there was a question as to whether the treatment system falls within the scope of the licensing requirements under the Manitoba Environment Act, the matter would be referred to Larry Strachan, the director of the approvals section of this department.

The level at which soil or water from this site would be defined as hazardous waste has not yet been completely finalized. Unfortunately, PAH levels do not fall neatly into our provincial criteria. I would suggest that a directors approval for on-site water treatment be requested regardless of the contaminant levels. This will at least allow you to proceed with the water treatment without getting bogged down in an unnecessary technical debate.

I trust that this information will allow to proceed with this project. Please call if further clarification is required.