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Government of Yukon seeks court's opinion on water use licence

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is appealing a recent decision by the Yukon Water Board under the *Yukon Waters Act* and requesting a judicial review of the decision under the *Placer Mining Act*. The decision is on the water use licence issued to Northern Exposures Inc. for a placer project on the Indian River.

The Yukon government is seeking the court's review to help guide interpretations of the application of subsection 83(2) and section 86 of the *Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Act* (YESAA). These sections set out the rules establishing the relationship between authorizations such as water use licences and placer land use approvals and decision documents issued through the YESAA process.

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