



Ministry of Environment  
Inspection Record

Environmental  
 Protection  
 Division

<b>Inspection Number:</b> 18407		<b>Inspection Status:</b> FINAL	
EP System: <u>AMS</u>		Inspection Date: 2015-02-02	
EP System Number: 11678		EP System Status: <u>Active</u>	
<b>Region:</b> <u>Cariboo</u>		Office: <u>Williams Lake</u>	
Trigger: <u>Incident</u>		<b>Incidents of Non-Compliance Observed:</b> <u>Yes</u>	
Non-Compliance Decision Matrix Level: <u>Level 1</u>		Non-Compliance Decision Matrix Category: <u>Category B</u>	
Inspector Name(s): Jack Green		CPIX: <u>1 to 2 = Medium</u>	
Audit:		Total Non-Compliance(s): 2	
<b>Regulated Party:</b> Mount Polley Mining Corporation			
Regulated Party Contact(s): Colleen Hughes			
<b>Legal Address:</b> PO Box 12 Likely, BC VOL 1N0			
Phone No: (250)790-2215		Fax No:	
Contact Email: chughes@mountpolley.com			
<b>Location Description or Site Address:</b> Mount Polley is an open pit copper/gold mine located near Likely, BC.			
Latitude: 52.54547 N		Longitude: 121.63433 W	
Receiving Environment(s): <u>Surfacewater</u>			

## Summary

MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS	
Inspection Period: <b>From:</b> 2015-01-16 <b>To:</b> 2015-02-02	
<b>Requirement Source:</b> Permit	
Activity: <u>Office Review</u>	Waste Type: <u>Effluent</u>
<p><b>Inspection Summary:</b></p> <p>On 2 February 2015 I received an email from Katie McMahan, containing an incident report for a bypass of sewage material of the authorized works. No notification of this incident had been provided prior to this email.</p> <p>The incident report stated:</p> <p>"This is a bypass of works authorized under Ministry of Environment Permit 11678."</p> <p>No notification of this bypass was received and therefore, no approval or authorization for this bypass was provided by the Director.</p> <p>A root cause analysis was carried out and steps have been taken to prevent a reoccurrence of this incident. See incident report for full details.</p>	<p><b>Response:</b> <u>Advisory</u></p>
<i>ACTIONS REQUIRED BY REGULATED PARTY:</i>	
Please ensure all staff involved in incident management are aware of the reporting requirements.	
<i>ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:</i>	

Compliance Summary	In	Out	N/A	N/D
Operations	0	1	0	0
Reporting	0	1	0	0

## Inspection Details

<b>Requirement Type:</b> <u>Reporting</u>
<b>Requirement Description:</b>
2.1 Maintenance of Works and Emergency Procedures

The Permittee must inspect the pollution control works regularly and maintain them in good working order. In the event of an emergency or condition beyond the control of the Permittee which prevents continuing operation of the approved method of pollution control or which impairs the operation of approved works, the Permittee must notify Environmental Protection:  
By telephone (250-398-4530) if the condition occurs between the hours of 08:00 and 16:30, Monday to Friday on normal working days; and,

By facsimile transmission (250-398-4214) if the condition occurs at any other time.

All such reports must be received within 24 hours of detection of the occurrence.

In addition, emergencies involving spills to the environment (as defined in the Spill Reporting Regulation) must be reported immediately to the Provincial Emergency Program (1-800-663-3456).

**Details/Findings:**

The cold weather froze the sewage line, impairing the operation of the works. Despite this, no notification was provided.

**Compliance:** Out

**Requirement Type:** Operations

**Requirement Description:**

2.2 Bypasses

The discharge of effluent which has bypassed the designated treatment works is prohibited unless the approval of the Director is obtained and confirmed in writing.

**Details/Findings:**

Due to the unexpected nature of this incident, no approval was obtained from the Director.

**Compliance:** Out

**Were the following collected during inspection:**

Samples?  Photos?  EMS Number

**Other (please specify)**

Is the Inspection related to an EA Project?  EA Project Certificate Number:

**INSPECTION CONDUCTED BY:**

<i>Signature</i>	<i>Date Signed</i>
Jack Green	2015-02-05

**ENCLOSURE(S) TO REGULATED PARTY & DESCRIPTION:**

CVIS Archives

**REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS:**

**DISCLAIMER:**

Please note that sections of the permit, regulation or code of practice referenced in this inspection record are for guidance and are not the official version. Please refer to the original permit, regulation or code of practice.

To see the most up to date version of regulations and codes of practices please visit:

<http://www.bclaws.ca/>

If you require a copy of the original permit, please contact the inspector noted on this inspection record or visit: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/topic.page?id=DF89089126D042FD96DF5D8C1D8B1E41&title=Publicly%20Viewable%20Authorizations>

It is also important to note that this inspection record does not necessarily reflect each requirement or condition of the authorization therefore compliance is noted only for the requirements or conditions listed in the inspection record.

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