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**ADVISORY LETTER**

FILE: Auth#105719

May 11, 2012

Joanne Thompson  
Sustainability Manager  
Chieftain Metals Inc.  
2200-1055 West Hastings St.  
Vancouver BC V6E 2E9

Dear Ms. Thompson:

**RE: Auth#105719 – Unauthorized Bypass - May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012.**

Thank you for your e-mail dated May 9<sup>th</sup> 2012, reporting the May 8<sup>th</sup> 2012 release of untreated mine water from the Tulsequah Chief Interim Water Treatment Plant Acid Mine Water Storage Pond to the Tulsequah River.

This incident represents non-compliance with discharge permit 105719, Section 2.1 Bypasses; under the provisions of the *Environmental Management Act*.

Your written notification of the non-compliance event, including follow up actions have been acknowledged and documented in your permit file. As per Section 5.6, Spill Reporting, of discharge permit 105719, you should be aware that you are required to report spills to the Provincial Emergency Program. (<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/eemp/>)

You are reminded that you are required to comply with the *Environmental Management Act* and the requirements of your permit issued under the *Act*, at all times. Please be advised that continued or repeat non-compliances may lead to escalating enforcement action.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 250-847-7455 or [Lisa.Torunski@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Lisa.Torunski@gov.bc.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Torunski".

Lisa Torunski, R.P Bio  
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