

# Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley



## NEWS RELEASE

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### Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley release updated Waste and Wastewater Management Policy

The Land and Water Boards of the Mackenzie Valley (Gwich'in, Mackenzie Valley, Sahtu, and Wek'èezhì Land and Water Boards – collectively, the LWBs) are pleased to announce the release of the [\*Waste and Wastewater Management Policy\*](#) (Policy), which updates and replaces the *Water and Effluent Quality Management Policy*. The new title of the Policy reflects its expanded scope, which includes the range of waste types regulated by the LWBs through both land use permits and water licences. The Policy has also been updated to reflect the current context of applicable legislation; updated and new LWB policies, guidelines, and best practices; and the Standard Water Licence and Land Use Permit Conditions Templates.

Prior to being finalized by the LWBs, the Policy was distributed for public review in [February 2022](#), and again in [August 2022](#). A revision history table is included in the Policy, and a [Review Summary Table](#) encompassing both public reviews is available for more information on the changes. The LWBs thank all parties who contributed to this Policy update.

To reflect the updated Policy, as well as other new and updated LWB guidance documents, the LWBs are also pleased to release administrative updates to the following guidance documents:

- [\*Guidelines for Effluent Mixing Zones\*](#)
- [\*Standard Process for Setting Effluent Quality Criteria\*](#)
- [\*Standard Water Licence Conditions Template\*](#)
- [\*Document Submission Standards\*](#)

All LWB guidance documents can be found on the Policies and Guidelines page under the Resources tab on any of the LWB websites ([www.glwb.com](http://www.glwb.com)/[www.mvlwb.com](http://www.mvlwb.com)/[www.slwb.com](http://www.slwb.com)/[www.wlwb.ca/](http://www.wlwb.ca/)).