



## NEWS RELEASE

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### Land and Water Boards Release Geographic Information System (GIS) and Document Submission Standards

*March 1, 2012* - The Gwich'in, Sahtu, Wek'èezhìi, and Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Boards (the Boards), through their *Standard Procedures and Consistency Working Group Initiative*, are pleased to announce the release of two standards for submissions to the Boards. Applicants and holders of water licences and land use permits will now need to refer to the *Standards for Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Submissions* and the *Document Submission Standards* when submitting applications, plans, reports, GIS data and other material related to their developments. The GIS and document submission standards will improve the consistency and efficiency of the submission and review process, further contributing to required regulatory improvements as addressed in *Road to Improvement: the Review of the Regulatory Systems Across the North* (the McCrank Report), the *2005 Auditor General's Report* and the 2005 and 2010 NWT environmental audits conducted under the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act (MVRMA)*.

The purpose of the *Standards for Geographical Information Systems (GIS) Submissions* is to provide direction to applicants on the submission of GIS information. They provide direction about which types of GIS data are required, the Boards' preferred formats, and the Boards' requirements for metadata documentation.

The purpose of the *Document Submission Standards* is to outline the formats, specifications, and copy requirements for all documents submitted to the Boards by proponents. The Boards receive over 1000 documents each year related to land use permits and water licences, which are filed, posted to our online registries, and often redistributed for review.

The standards can be accessed through any of the Board's websites at:

[www.glwb.com](http://www.glwb.com)

[www.slwb.com](http://www.slwb.com)

[www.wlwb.com](http://www.wlwb.com)

[www.mvlwb.com](http://www.mvlwb.com)

The MVLWB operates under the authority of the MVRMA (1998). The MVLWB and the Regional Panels review development applications and issue land use permits and water licences throughout the Mackenzie Valley.

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