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Subject: RE: Spearhead - Response to McElhanney and IHA

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Good afternoon Zachari,

Earlier this afternoon I had the opportunity to review the Active Earth RESPONSE TO MCELHANNEY REVIEW – GROUNDWATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS dated April 16, 2025.

Further to the comments I comments provided to the RDCK dated April 10, 2025, related to Land Use Application File Number Z2410Z, Interior Health is providing updated comments based on our review of Active Earth's most recent response noted above.

Regarding the assessments by the 2 Qualified Professionals (Active Earth Engineering Ltd and McElhanney Ltd), is not within Interior Health's scope and role to reconcile the differences between the 2 reports. If there are concerns in this regard, that would be something to pursue with their professional governing body, the [Engineers & Geoscientists BC](#).

It is important to note that there is new information (to Interior Health) including additional planning and operational level details related to the proposed expanded wood manufacturing operation that weren't available in earlier versions of the current design, and supplementary information.

It was helpful to further understand:

- The type, level and scope of sewerage disposal treatment being considered including the reasoning for the proposed location and type of receiving materials being imported;
- The planned approach to completing Well B to meet the requirements of the Groundwater Protection Regulation including being licensed;
- Operational details of how chemicals associated with the wood manufacturing operation will be managed and the cleaning procedures for areas where those chemicals are regularly used;
- The plan to include groundwater monitoring wells along the south property boundary and the intended monitoring that is to be established.

Based on the above information provided in Active Earth's response, and that these identified measures and steps are being undertaken to effectively manage risks or potential threats to drinking water, our previously identified public health concerns identified related to drinking water and sewerage disposal for this application proceeding have been addressed. Land users demonstrating compliance with recognized best management practices are not likely to be seen as posing a significant risk.

I trust this information is helpful to the Regional District of Central Kootenay related to the current land use bylaw amendment application. If you have any further questions or require additional clarity related to our response, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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