

## PRELIMINARY SCREENING REPORT FORM

<b>PRELIMINARY SCREENER:</b> Government of the Northwest Territories Environment and Climate Change Regulatory and Permitting Division	<b>PROPONENT NAME:</b> Northland Utilities  <b>PROJECT NAME:</b> Pesticide Application Permit
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### **PART 1:**

**Type of Development:**

*(check all that apply)*

- New Development
- Amendment
- Renewal
- Authorization required
- Does not require an authorization

### **Project Summary**

On behalf of Northland Utilities (NWT) Ltd, Sure Shot Environmental Ltd. will conduct industrial vegetation control for weeds and woody brush around electrical substations. For the pesticide application, they will be using a truck with mounted tanks and a hose and handgun method. They will undertake this work within the Pine Point Block Land Transfer in the South Slave region of the NWT on Commissioner's Land within the transmission Line right-of-way. All work will be performed by trained and certified contractors.

### **Scope**

Perform vegetation control with pesticides to suppress weed and woody brush growth near electrical substations in the Pine Point area. All vegetation control measures using pesticides will be in accordance with the *Pesticide Act* and Pesticide Regulations.

### **Type of ENR Authorization**

*(check the authorization that applies)*

- Forest Management Agreements
- Timber Cutting Permit (>5000m<sup>3</sup> burned wood or > 1100 m<sup>3</sup> of other timber)
- Timber Cutting Licence
- Mill Licence
- Burning Permits (area > 25m<sup>3</sup>)
  
- Pesticide Application Permit
- Harvest of Wildlife for a Commercial Purpose
- Wildlife Business Licence
- Commercial Wildlife Licence
- Game Farm Licence
- Wildlife Management Permit

- General Wildlife Permit
- Licence to Capture Wildlife
- Licence to Capture Gyrfalcons for Commercial Purposes
- Licence to Import Live Wildlife
- Licence to Export Live Wildlife
- Licence to a Reindeer Owner for Grazing Allotment within a Reserve

- Protected Area Land Withdrawal
- Territorial Park

- Non-Application
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Activities**

*(check all that apply)*

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|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction            | <input type="checkbox"/> Exploration            | <input type="checkbox"/> Aerial       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decommissioning         | <input type="checkbox"/> Installation           | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abandonment             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion               | <input type="checkbox"/> Harvesting             | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Operation    | <input type="checkbox"/> Camp                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewage       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Repair                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific/ Research   | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Intake |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Linear / Corridor       | <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Quarry       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | _____   |                                       |

**Principal Development Components:**

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|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abandonment/removal                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Disposal of hazardous waste                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Access Road                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Disposal of sewage                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Automobile, Aircraft or Vessel Movement | <input type="checkbox"/> Ditch Construction                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blasting                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage Alteration                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Borehole core sampling                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Drilling other than Geoscientific          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Building                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Ecological Surveys                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bulk soil sampling                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Excavation                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> gravel                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Explosive Storage                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> hydrological testing                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Storage                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site restoration                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Geoscientific sampling                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fertilization                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Modification e.g., widening, straightening |
| <input type="checkbox"/> grubbing                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewage                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> planting/seeding                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Slashing and removal of vegetation         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> reforestation                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Testing                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> scarify                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Stream Crossing/Bridging                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> spraying                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste management                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> recontouring                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste generation                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burning                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Topsoil, Overburden or Soil                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Burying                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> disposal                                   |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Channeling                                | <input type="checkbox"/> fill                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction                              | <input type="checkbox"/> removal               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cut and Fill                              | <input type="checkbox"/> storage               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cutting of Trees or Removal of Vegetation | <input type="checkbox"/> Trenching             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Construction                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Tunneling/Underground |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abandonment/Removal                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe):     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modification                              |  |

**PART 2:**

**NTS Topographic Map Sheet Numbers** (*List all that apply*)

Pine Point – 085B

**NTS Map Sheet #s:**

**Latitude / Longitude and UTM System:**

Pine Point 60°52'01.2"N 114°25'45.5"W

**Nearest Community and Water Body:**

The nearest communities are Kát'odeeche First Nation Community, Fort Resolution and Hay River. All communities are 50-70 km away from the site. The Great Slave Lake is approximately 9 km away from the site.

**Land Status**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Free Hold / Private           | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal Crown Land |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commissioners Land | <input type="checkbox"/> Municipal Land     |

**Transboundary Implications**

- |   |   |                                       |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> British Columbia           | <input type="checkbox"/> Alberta                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Saskatchewan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manitoba                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Nunavut                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Yukon        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Buffalo National Park | <input type="checkbox"/> Inuvialuit Settlement Region |                                       |

**Type of Transboundary Implication:**

- |  |                                      |  |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Impact / Effect | <input type="checkbox"/> Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Concern: |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|

Describe:   N/A

## **PART 3:**

### **PHYSICAL - CHEMICAL EFFECTS**

**IMPACT**

**MITIGATION**

**CONDITION**

#### **1. Ground Water**

water table alteration

water quality changes

infiltration changes

other

N/A

No impacts are expected based on the proposed pesticide application or associated activities.

**IMPACT**

**MITIGATION**

**CONDITION**

#### **2. Surface Water**

flow or level changes

water quality changes

water quantity changes

drainage pattern changes

temperature

wetland changes /loss

other:

There is potential for surface water impacts, however risks are mitigated by using proper spray techniques, only applying pesticides approved by Health Canada, and establishing and working within buffer zones. Additionally spraying will only occur in suitable weather conditions.

N/A

**IMPACT**

**MITIGATION**

**CONDITION**

#### **3. Noise**

noise in/near water

other: noise increase

N/A

**IMPACT**

**MITIGATION**

**CONDITION**

**4. Land**

- geologic structure changes
- soil contamination
- buffer zone loss
- soil compaction & settling
- Destabilization/erosion
- permafrost regime alteration
- other:
- N/A

No impacts are expected based on the proposed pesticide application or associated activities.

**IMPACT**

**MITIGATION**

**CONDITION**

**5. Non-Renewable Resources**

- resource depletion
- other:
- N/A

No impacts are expected based on the proposed pesticide application or associated activities.

**IMPACT**

**MITIGATION**

**CONDITION**

**6. Air/Climate/Atmosphere**

- other
- N/A

No impacts are expected based on the proposed pesticide application or associated activities.

## BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

### IMPACT

### MITIGATION

### CONDITION

#### 7. Vegetation

- species composition
- species introduction
- toxic/heavy accumulation
- other:
- N/A

Chemical and mechanical control of undesirable and noxious vegetation is limited to the Pine Point Substation. Risk of run-off and spray drift is mitigated by using proper spray techniques, low-risk herbicides, establishing and working within buffer zones, and only spraying in suitable weather conditions.

**IMPACT****MITIGATION****CONDITION****8. Wildlife & Fish**

- effects on rare, threatened or endangered species
- fish population changes
- waterfowl population changes
- breeding disturbance
- population reduction
- species diversity change
- health changes
- behavioral changes
- habitat changes / effects
- game species effects
- toxins / heavy metals
- forestry changes
- agricultural changes
- other:
- N/A

No impacts are expected based on the proposed pesticide application or associated activities.

**INTERACTING ENVIRONMENT****IMPACT****MITIGATION****CONDITION****9. Habitat & Communities**

- predator-prey
- wildlife habitat/ecosystem
- composition changes
- keystone/endangered species
- wildlife corridor/buffer zone
- other:
- N/A

No impacts are expected based on the proposed pesticide application or

associated activities.

**IMPACT**

**MITIGATION**

**CONDITION**

**10. Social and Economic**

- planning / zoning changes or conflicts
- increase in urban facilities or services use
- rental house
- airport operations / capacity changes
- human health hazard
- impair the recreational use of water or aesthetic quality
- affect water use for other purposes
- affect other land use operations
  
- quality of life changes
- public concern
- other:
- N/A

No impacts are expected based on the proposed pesticide application or associated activities. The permit holder will be required to post signs warning workers and the public that pesticide spraying is taking place in the area. Public access will also be restricted during and after the spraying.

**IMPACT**

**MITIGATION**

**CONDITION**

**11. Cultural and Heritage**

- affects to historic property
- increased economic pressure on historic properties
- change to or loss of historic resources
- change to or loss of archaeological resources

increased pressure on archaeological sites

change to or loss of aesthetically important site

affects to aboriginal lifestyle

other:

N/A

No impacts are expected based on the proposed pesticide application or associated activities.

#### **PART 4:**

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**Part 5:**

**PRELIMINARY SCREENING COMMENTS**

Table 1. Preliminary Screening comments for the proposed Pesticide Application Permit

Organization	Impact/Concern	Mitigation
Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)	DFO does not have any recommendations at this time.	N/A
<b>NO OTHER COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING PRELIMINARY SCREENING FROM MAY 12-JUNE 2, 2025</b>		

## REASONS FOR DECISION

(LIST REASONS AND SUPPORTING RATIONALE FOR PRELIMINARY SCREENING DECISION)

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### **DECISION:**

The Department of Environment and Climate Change (ECC) is satisfied that the preliminary screening of the application for a Pesticide Application Permit by Northland Utilities for industrial vegetation control at the Pine Point Electrical Substation in the South Slave Region has been completed in accordance with Section 125 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

ECC is satisfied that a reasonable period of notice (21 days) was given to Communities and Indigenous Governments affected by the application as required by Subsection 63(2) of the *MVRMA* so that they could provide comments to ECC.

Having reviewed all relevant information in the application, including the submissions of the Applicant, and the absence of any written comments, ECC has decided that in its opinion that:

- there is no likelihood that the proposed development might have a significant adverse impact on the environment; and
- there is no likelihood that the proposed development might be a cause of public concern.

ECC is also of the opinion that the application can proceed through the regulatory process and that any impacts of the development on the environment can be mitigated through the imposition of the terms and conditions in the Pesticide Application Permit.

As a result, ECC, having due regard to the facts and circumstances, the merits of the submissions made to it, and to the purpose, scope and intent of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations has decided that this Pesticide Application Permit be issued subject to the terms and conditions contained therein.

?	<b>PRELIMINARY SCREENING DECISION</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Outside Local Government Boundaries</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	The development proposal might have a significant adverse impact on the environment, <i>refer it to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board).</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Proceed with regulatory process and/or implementation.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	The development proposal might have public concern, <i>refer it to the Review Board.</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Proceed with regulatory process and/or implementation.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Wholly within Local Government Boundaries</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	The development proposal is likely to have a significant adverse impact on air, water or renewable resources, <i>refer it to the Review Board.</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Proceed with regulatory process and/or implementation.</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	The development proposal might have public concern, <i>refer it to the Review Board.</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Proceed with regulatory process and/or implementation.</i>

**Preliminary Screening Organization**

**Signatures**

Department of Environment and Climate Change

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