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To: Distribution List

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) received a position paper on March 11, 2009 from Defence Construction Canada (DCC). This was submitted as additional information on an inquiry into the regulation of phenols in the Licences in wastewaters discharged at several of the Dew Line Cleanup Project Sites (CAM-1, CAM-5 and PIN-4). The paper entitled “DEW Line Cleanup Project – Phenols in Wastewater” was prepared by Environmental Sciences Group, dated June 2007 and discusses the reasoning behind a pending request to have the parameter removed from the monitoring and effluent limits conditions of the respective Licenses.

By copy of this letter to the distribution list, the NWB invites interested persons to make representations directly to the NWB on the issue of including the phenol parameter in the waste disposal parameters and monitoring requirements of specific licences where it may be a parameter of concern. Please review the submitted information and provide comments to the NWB, on or before 5:00 pm MST on June 29, 2009.

Specifically, the NWB requests interested parties to comment on the position paper, where:

1. phenols have the potential to adversely affect water in Nunavut;
2. wastewater potentially containing phenols, that is discharged onto land thirty (30) metres above the high water mark of a water body, be regulated at DCC Distant Early Warning Line remediation projects; and
3. Should phenols be regulated in general (remediation, industrial, mining, municipal, etc.) through NWB Water Licenses where discharge is to land, thirty metres or more above the normal high water mark of the nearest water body (especially where direct or indirect flow to surface freshwaters is not possible)?

Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

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Attach. DewLine Cleanup Project – Phenols paper