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May 2, 2013

To: Distribution List

From: Damien Côté, Executive Director

Re: Nunavut Waters Regulations in Force April 18, 2013

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) has been advised by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) that the *Nunavut Waters Regulations SOR/2013-69* (NWR or Regulations) were registered on April 18, 2013, coming into force on that date. The NWB has been further advised by AANDC that the NWRs are scheduled to be published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part II on May 8, 2013.

In summary, major areas of change include:

- (1) Addition of an authorized use of water or deposit of waste regime, with changes to the minimum threshold for an authorized use of water and/or deposit of waste;
- (2) Changes to the scheme of schedules relating to use of water and deposit of waste, including threshold criteria for types of licences;
- (3) Establishment of new water management areas;
- (4) Provision of clarity to annual reporting and maintaining of books and records, and spill reporting; and
- (5) Language consistent with the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

An advance copy of the NWRs is available at <ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/WATER%20REGULATIONS/>. The Board encourages all parties to review the new Regulations.

As of April 18, 2013, all applications in relation to a licence must comply with the NWRs. The Board is in the process of updating the NWB's existing Guides and related application forms and expects to have these posted on our ftp site in the upcoming weeks. Applicants needing more immediate assistance with filing of an application in relation to a licence should contact Phyllis Beaulieu, Manager of Licensing at licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org.

To apply for an approval to use water or deposit waste without a licence, the NWB has posted a new guide, titled "Guide 9: Guide to Approval for Use of Water and/or the Deposit of Waste Without a Licence" at the link set out below. Guide 9 includes the application form relevant to these applications for these authorizations.



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The application form is also available as a “word” document at this same link:
<ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/NWB%20GUIDES/>

Regards,

Damien Côté
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Nunavut Water Board

cc: Gilles Binda, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada