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Mr. Thomas Kabloona
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Dear Mr. Kabloona:

Please find enclosed a copy of the draft Nunavut Waters Regulations for the Nunavut Water Board's review. As you are aware, under subsection 82(2) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* the Nunavut Water Board's concurrence is required on provisions pertaining to the establishment of water management areas, the use of waters without a licence and the deposit of waste into waters without a licence. In addition, under paragraph 82(1)(f) of the Act for the exemption of any class of application in relation to licences from the requirement of a public hearing consultation of the Nunavut Water Board is also required.

In addition, pursuant to section 17 of the draft regulations, you will also find enclosed a document title "Nunavut Watershed Descriptions", which provides details regarding the water management areas.

Once the Nunavut Water Board has completed its review, it is expected that an official response on the above-mentioned provisions will be forwarded to the Minister from the Band.

It would be appreciated if the Nunavut Water Board would inform the Department, as soon as possible, as to its timeline for reviewing these draft regulations. This will allow the Department to plan and forecast this item in the regulatory approval system.

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Should you wish further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Glen Stephens, Director, Land and Water Management Directorate at 819-994-7483 or by e-mail at Glen.Stephens@ainc-inac.gc.ca.

Yours sincerely,



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