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June 20, 2011

ALL CURRENT WATER LICENSEES PAYING WATER USE FEES

Subject: NOTIFICATION OF CORRECTIONS TO THE CALCULATION OF WATER USE FEES under the *Northwest Territories Waters Regulations* SOR/93-303

Dear Licensee:

Please be advised, that based on clarification and instructions received from the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), it has come to the attention of the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or the Board) that the Board's collection of water use fees has been inconsistent with the Northwest Territories Waters Regulations (the Regulations). The Board's misunderstanding regarding the application and calculation of water use fees under section 9 of the Regulations has resulted in flat fees being assessed and inaccurate fee calculations being accepted by the Board. Accordingly, the Board, by virtue of this letter is notifying all those parties currently paying water use fees that as of June 20, 2011, and going forward, we are implementing a consistent calculation of water use fees that reflects the instructions of INAC.

Accordingly, as of June 20, 2011, the NWB requires all licensees to determine fees payable according to section 9 of the Northwest Territories Waters Regulations. In furthering the consistent and accurate calculation of water use fees, the Board has attached a Water Use Fees Calculator to assist in determining the fees payable under the license according to the Regulations. Please note that for those licensees who have a specific amount for water use fees set out as a condition of their licence, the amount required by the Regulations supercedes the amount specified in the licence. Regardless of the amount specified in the licence, licensees are responsible for paying the amount as outlined in the Regulations and instructed by INAC. Consequently, those licensees are also encouraged to use the attached calculator to determine the fees payable for their water use allocation under their licence.

The Board recognizes that for some licensees the updated calculations may significantly increase the fees paid, but the Board has no discretion with respect to these fees, and is required to ensure that our procedures are consistent across Nunavut and the Northwest Territories and meet the requirements of the Regulations.

As of June 20, 2011 the Board staff will be reviewing all water use fee payments submitted to the Board to ensure that they are calculated correctly and licensees will be advised of deficiencies in that regard. Thank you in advance for your cooperation during this transition.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact Phyllis Beaulieu, Manager of Licensing, PO Box 119, Gjoa Haven, NU X0B 1J0, telephone: 867.360.6338, fax: 867.360.6369, or e-mail: licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Kabloona', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Thomas Kabloona
Chairman
Nunavut Water Board