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Subject: File No. 1AR-NAN0208/Renewal

Dear Phyllis Beaulieu,

I understand CanZinco has submitted an application to renew their water license and based on my understanding they wish to discontinue all work and monitoring of the Nanisivik site. I was the Mayor at the time they had the Nunavut Water Board hearings here in Arctic Bay when they were reviewing the plans to do reclamation work as things were winding down in Nanisivik. It was a big concern from the Citizens of Arctic Bay to have the site monitored for several years. I am certain that if there is to be no monitoring of the site, then the residents of Arctic Bay need to know what the plans are for the future if in the case that the site will no longer be monitored.

It should be of a bigger concern to all involved with all this talk of Global Warming, we notice that here too as spring arrives sooner then it used to. The residents of Arctic Bay wanted to have input as to the progression of the reclamation and be informed of the monitoring reports. To date, I have not heard of what stage the reclamation is in although we can see that there are just a few buildings that need to be torn down at the town site.

I also understood from the afternoon tours that there were ground thermometers installed at the tailings pond and the indication was that the tailings pond should remain intact. We also understood that there were to be certain depths of shale and also certain depths of gravel put on top of the tailings pond but what we haven't heard is if those depths have been met and who monitored that to see if that amount was really put in place?

I have only read the your letter dated April 30, 2008 addressed to Mr. Carreau and in talking to the Hamlet of Arctic Bay, it became apparent that they have not received any copies of the application submitted by CanZinco and to my understanding, they have also not seen any copies of the letters you indicate in your letter which are 1. Water Licence Application Form (received February 21, 2008) 2. 2006 Annual Report, dated March 31, 2007; and 3. Quarterly Report (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th) for 2007.

Based on the hearings that were held here in Arctic Bay, Council at that time requested a local site monitor assistant be hired to work with the site monitor to better inform the residents of Arctic Bay, but to date, that hasn't happened. Perhaps something like this should be thought of so that the Residents of Arctic Bay can be made aware that there are no dangers to them as they are the ones that will hunt and also travel by the old mine site. There were also mentions of contaminants and that there were also requests to have signs posted in more dangerous locations, and they requested the signs be in all languages including Inuktitut, however, I do not know if this has been met to date.

Perhaps the Nunavut Water Board should have another hearing here in Arctic Bay or is the Hamlet responsible for asking for a hearing here in Arctic Bay? I think this should seriously be considered just to ease the minds of local Residents. Thank you for your consideration regarding my concerns.

Sincerely yours,

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