

June 11, 2012

Phyllis Beaulieu  
Manager of Licensing  
Nunavut Water Board  
P.O. Box 119  
Gjoa Haven, NU X0B 1J0

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

**Re: Water Licence 1AR-NAN0914 – Notification regarding maintenance of road between Arctic Bay and Nanisivik**

The purpose of this letter is to notify the Nunavut Water Board of the upkeep of the public road between Arctic Bay and Nanisivik and the impacts that potentially poor road conditions may have on the 2012 remediation plan for the Nanisivik tank farm.

Remediation of the Nanisivik tank farm relies on the transportation of equipment and personnel using the public road between Arctic Bay and Nanisivik. The Department of National Defence, the Coast Guard and the Hamlet of Arctic Bay also depend on the road for their activities. A position paper regarding the importance of the road to the Hamlet of Arctic Bay has been prepared by the Arctic Bay Economic Development Officer.

Based on information provided by the Nunavut Department of Economic Development & Transportation, no maintenance of the road between Arctic Bay and Nanisivik is planned for 2012. It is our understanding that ongoing maintenance is required to ensure the continued usability of the road and that lack of annual repairs and improvements could render it unusable.

Failure of the road would stop vehicle access to the Nanisivik tank farm and thereby preventing further remediation activities. As the condition of the public road is out of Nyrstar's control, we will not be held accountable for the impacts that an unusable road may have on our ability to satisfy remediation obligations stipulated in Part J of Water Licence 1AR-NAN0914 and any commitments made in reference to these obligations. The condition of the road is not expected to impact the geotechnical and surface water monitoring obligated under the Water Licence.

In order to commence the tank farm remediation work in accordance with the plan established in the 2011 Annual Report (Nyrstar, 24 March 2012) submitted to the Water Board, Nyrstar will organise and pay for the snow removal required to open up the road. However, as this is a public road we are not in a position to carry out the ongoing maintenance that is required to ensure its continued use.

[Resources for a changing world](#)

**Nyrstar Canada (Holdings) Ltd.**

2840 - 650 West Georgia Street  
PO Box # 11552  
Vancouver, BC V6B 4N8

T 1 604 336.8300  
F 1 604 336.8329  
[info@nyrstar.com](mailto:info@nyrstar.com)  
[nyrstar.com](http://nyrstar.com)



We would like to emphasise our continued commitment to fulfilling the obligations under the Water Licence and will pursue our remediation and monitoring activities assuming that the public road between Arctic Bay and Nanisivik will remain in a useable condition. To demonstrate our commitment to the remediation work, we may entertain the possibility of contributing financially to the maintenance of the road in cooperation with other users of the road. Any such multi-stakeholder initiatives would, however, need to be initiated and overseen by the owner of the road (i.e. the Government of Nunavut).

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time should you wish to discuss the information provided in this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Johan Skoglund".

**Johan Skoglund**  
Group Environment Manager, Americas

CC: Andrew Anderson, Fisheries and Oceans Canada