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December 7, 2001

*By Telecopier (867) 925-8300*

Mr. Leo Angootealuk  
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Subject: *E. Coli* Contamination

Dear Mr. Angootealuk :

Following a review of information currently on file and replies from Environment Canada, Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (copies attached for your consideration), I regret to inform you that the Nunavut Water Board, as a water-licensing agency, cannot offer you much assistance at this time on potential *E. Coli* contamination in the Kirchoffer River and Fossil Creek.

Your October 24, 2001 correspondence alludes that some testing was done last spring but there is no mention of the location of the sampling, the protocols used, and the results of analysis. However, it appears from the information in our files that there is no proven link between possible *E. Coli* contamination and any licensed activity (e.g., commercial caribou harvesting) in the immediate vicinity of the water bodies where sampling was conducted, and consequently, the NWB would not have jurisdiction in this case. If you have new information or evidence suggesting that contamination of waters can be attributed to a specific licensed or unlicensed activity within the same local watershed, please forward it to the NWB and DIAND for consideration.

Meanwhile, as your interest seems to be with the impacts of possible contamination of waters on human health, I would therefore suggest that you contact the Government of Nunavut's Department of Health and Social Services for further investigation.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by:***

Philippe di Pizzo  
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