

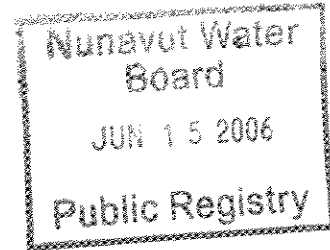


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Dear Ms. Gagne:

Re: Outstanding Water Board Issues for CAM-F (1BR-SAR) and FOX-C (1BR-EKA)

Please find attached the responses and/or clarifications to the outstanding issues identified by the Nunavut Water Board in their letter of May 26, 2006. Please also find attached the supplementary information requirements for hydrocarbon impacted soil storage and landfarm facilities. The responses attached are structured to follow the format of the NWB letter.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Encl: Letter May 31, 2006 from Brad Thompson to Natalie Plato
Letter May 30, 2006 from Barry Fedorak to Brad Thompson
Supplementary Information Requirements for HC Soil, April 18, 2006

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Dear Natalie:

Re: Outstanding Water Board Issues for CAM-F (1BR-SAR) and FOX-C (1BR-EKA)

Provided are the responses to the outstanding issues identified by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) in their letter dated May 26, 2006. Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) have provided some responses below and the remainder of the responses have been provided by UMA Engineering in the attached letter.

1BR-SAR

1. Response provided in the UMA letter, attached.
2. PWGSC and INAC will work together to resolve any inadequacies in the QA/QC plans submitted for CAM-F and FOX-C. Revisions will incorporate recommendations made in the *Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Control (QC) Guidelines For Use by Class "B" Licensees in Collecting Representative Water Samples in the Field and for Submission of a QAQC Plan* document prepared by INAC (1996). We understand that submission of the revised plan will not delay NWB from issuing the License but it will be a condition of the License.
3. The fuel storage tanks being sent to CAM-F are double-walled tanks. Therefore, there is no need for a bermed containment area as the double walled tanks provide secondary containment.

1BR-EKA

1. Response provided in the UMA letter, attached.
2. Response provided in the UMA letter, attached.
3. Response provided in the UMA letter, attached.
4. All fuel sent to the site is contained in 205 L drums. National Fire Code Regulations do not require secondary containment for the temporary storage of drummed fuel. The contractor for the job has included in their plan that an unlined earth berm will be constructed around the drummed fuel storage area. Spill kits will be also be readily accessible in the area should an accidental release occur. A Spill Contingency Response Plan has been submitted to the regulatory authorities detailing the steps the contractor will take in the event of an accidental


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release. At the completion of the project in 2007, all remaining drummed fuel from the site will be removed.

5. The landfarm supplementary information package will be provided to the NWB by INAC.
6. Wastewater generated from the waste processing area will be stored in clean 205 L barrels until laboratory analysis confirms that the water meets the discharge criteria for the site. A composite sample will be collected using samples from approximately 10 barrels.

If there are any more questions or comments, please contact either myself or Jared Buchko. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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Dear Mr. Thompson:

**Re: DEW Line Site Restoration at FOX-C, Ekalugad Fiord, Nunavut
Application for a Water License from the Nunavut Water Board:
Response to the Supplementary Information Requirements for Hydrocarbon-Impacted Soil
Storage and Landfarm Treatment Facilities**

UMA Engineering Ltd. (UMA) has been retained to provide services to support the application for a Water Use License for the environmental restoration at the FOX-C, Ekalugad Fiord Intermediate DEW Line site. The Nunavut Water Board has provided a landfarm questionnaire entitled "Supplementary Information Requirements for Hydrocarbon-Impacted Soil Storage and Landfarm Treatment Facilities". The purpose of this letter is to provide a response to this landfarm questionnaire. The letter is structured to follow the format of the landfarm questionnaire.

GENERAL INFORMATION

To be provided by INAC in Application for Water Use License.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Site Assessment Considerations

1. Detailed topographic site survey diagrams, maps and aerial photos:

These are provided in Drawings C01, C02 and C03, which are included with this submission.

- a. Soil, fuel and chemical storage locations:** The Contractor will safely store soil, fuel and chemicals, as required, to complete the work. The project specifications outline suitable requirements for the storage of these materials, including conformance with all applicable environmental laws, regulations and requirements of Federal, Territorial and other regional authorities.
- b. Soil landfarm active treatment location:** Shown on Drawing C01.
- c. Site drainage patterns:** Shown on Drawing C01.

- d. **Adjacent surface water bodies that could be affected by the proposed undertaking:** Shown on Drawing C01. The water bodies are no closer than 1000 meters from the proposed landfarm.
- e. **Facility site access routes:** Shown on Drawing C01.
- f. **Surface and subsurface environmental monitoring sites:** Shown on Drawing C03.
- g. **Traditional land use areas:** The traditional land use at FOX-C was described by Gartner Lee and Cantox (1998) and consists of Inuit families residing on the land in tents during the summer months. It is anticipated that the Inuit would engage in traditional activities such as hunting, fishing and gathering. During the site clean up activities, the Contractor would be responsible for site security relative to his construction activities.

2. Slope of land underlying the Facility:

The survey shows that the approximate slope of the natural ground in the landfarm area is 8%.

3. Hydrological / Climatic Assessment of the Site:

- a. **Precipitation and temperature profiles for the area:** The climate at Ekalugad Fjord includes long, cold winters and short, mild summers. Average monthly and annual weather data has been measured at a nearby station (CAPE HOOPER, Nunavut, 68° 28' N, 66° 48' W, elevation 390 m, data from 1955 to 2000, Canadian Climate Normals, Environment Canada) and summarized in the following table.

Table 1: Meteorology: Precipitation and Temperature Profiles at FOX-4, Cape Hooper

Month	Daily Maximum (°C)	Daily Minimum (°C)	Daily Mean (°C)	Extreme Maximum (°C)	Extreme Minimum (°C)	Rainfall (mm)	Snowfall (cm)	Snow at Month-end (cm)
January	-22.9	-28	-25.5	-1.7	-40.6	0	6.4	60
February	-24.1	-29.4	-26.7	-0.6	-44.1	0	6.1	59
March	-21.5	-27.3	-24.4	2.3	-42	0	7.9	59
April	-14.8	-20.8	-17.8	6.1	-34	0	19.8	59
May	-5.4	-11	-8.2	11.1	-27.8	0	25.7	38
June	-2.6	-2.7	-0.1	17.8	-10.6	2.1	15.7	5
July	7.3	1	4.1	19.5	-7.8	22.7	9.6	0
August	5.7	0.2	3	17.2	-12.2	26.63	11.4	1
September	-0.1	-3.7	-1.9	12.8	-16.2	6.5	34.9	18
October	-5.9	-10.1	-8	8.5	-26	0.3	43.2	42
November	-13.8	-18.5	-16.2	2.2	-31.1	0	31.5	60
December	-20.2	-25.4	-22.8	3.3	-41.1	0	11.6	60

The ocean freeze up around Baffin Island typically begins in late October and is usually completed by December. Baffin Island typically has snow cover from mid-September to late May.

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b. Details of the local drainage basin: The landfarm is in a drainage basin that includes a wide flat delta with steep sided mountains at the perimeter. The drainage basin collects at the north flowing river between the freshwater lake and ocean (Ekalugad Fiord).

c. Likelihood of flood events: The landfarm is located in an area that will not be affected by flood events.

4. A description of the soil underlying the site:

a. The physical and chemical characteristics of the soil underlying the facility: The terrain and respective soil conditions at FOX-C are varied. The soil conditions observed at this site include: fine grained soils in the outwash valley at the Beach Area; coarse grained sandy soils, becoming more granular with elevation between the lake and the glacier; and weathered bedrock outcrops. The latter two conditions are dominant at the upper site. The soils around the site can be generally classified as Regosolic and Cryosolic in nature, and mostly consist of sand and gravel, with small amounts of clay and organic material in some areas.

Four shallow testpits were excavated in the area of the landfarm (TP-04, TP-12, TP-13 and TP-14). The testpits indicated that the surficial soils at the proposed landfarm site consisted primarily of clayey silt with an occasional interval of silty sand and an occasional cobble or boulder. Moisture contents measured in the upper soils ranged from 16.4 to 24.3%.

b. Depth of the permafrost active layer: Geotechnical investigations were carried out between August 20 and September 1, 2004, by EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd. Four shallow testpits were excavated in the area of the landfarm (TP-04, TP-12, TP-13 and TP-14). The depth of active (thawed) material in the testpits ranged from 0.75 m to 1.1 m and all testpits were terminated in frozen ground. Ice was present in the frozen soil in the base of TP-14, and stratified ice and soil ($V_s = 20$ to 40%) were present in two of the other testpits. Permafrost is continuous and widespread in the Quaternary deposits which mantle Baffin Island. For the landfarm, the placement of material over the existing ground will cause the permafrost to aggrade rather than deteriorate.

c. Permafrost characteristics that may impact the construction and operation of the Facility: Excavation of the active layer is to be minimized to reduce the risk of thaw settlement of the underlying ice-rich permafrost. The landfarm is constructed primarily above existing grade, with only the lowest portion of the collection ditch excavated slightly below existing grade (< 0.3 m).

5. Municipal Zoning or Land Use Planning Ordinances:

The proposed landfarm at FOX-C, Ekalugad Fiord is situated on Inuit Owned Lands, as defined in the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NCLA).

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Soil Storage and Landfarm Treatment Design Considerations

1. Details of Design and Construction of Soil Storage and Landfarm Treatment Facility:

UMA has submitted the design for a hydrocarbon soils treatment facility (landfarm) as part of the Tender Drawings for the site restoration at FOX-C, Ekalugad Fiord. The landfarm site is located at least 100 m away from any water body in an area free of ponded water. The location is relatively free of boulders and is generally level, which provides for the convenient access of equipment. The landfarm is located at least 300 m from the construction camp, offices, and laboratory. Development, operation and closure of the landfarm will involve the following work:

- Ground preparation, such as removal of boulders and placement of granular bedding material, to facilitate treatment options, as required;
- Construction and maintenance of roadways required to support treatment operations;
- Construction of exterior berms and drainage ditches;
- Placement of soil contaminated with F1/F2 hydrocarbon fractions in the landfarm;
- Specific activities for landfarming operations, including nutrient application, tilling and moisture conditioning;
- Final grading to promote drainage away from the site and to match the surrounding terrain,
- Supply and installation of temporary groundwater monitoring wells at the perimeter of the landfarm, to be sampled and tested during landfarming operations.
- Closure of the landfarm following confirmation that treatment has remediated the contaminated soil.

At the FOX-C site, there is only about 400 m³ of hydrocarbon soil that requires treatment, and as such, the landfarm footprint is quite small, at about 2,500 m². The landfarm is sized to allow the hydrocarbon soils to be spread out to a thickness of 400 mm, to facilitate suitable aeration for treatment. If additional hydrocarbon soils requiring treatment are identified during construction, an additional landfarm cell can be constructed adjacent to the existing landfarm.

- a. **Retaining Structures:** The containment for the landfarm will consist of perimeter berms constructed with select borrow material (Type 4 Granular Fill), with a minimum of 20% fines (materials sizes less than 0.08 mm). A granular leveling course will be constructed over the base of the landfarm interior to provide a working surface for treatment activities. The compacted base comprising the levelling course will promote runoff to the sump in the landfarm.
- b. **Geo-synthetic liners:** No geosynthetic liner will be used for the landfarm at FOX-C.
- c. **Devices used to manage excess runoff water and/or leachate:** The landfarm will be graded to drain to a ditch and collect in a sump at the southeast corner of the facility, (refer to Drawing C03). Excess runoff in the sump will be tested and, if it meets the requirements for discharge, it will be pumped and released appropriately. Landfarm runoff that does not meet the criteria for discharge will be treated to meet the requirements, or, if the runoff cannot be treated, it will be containerized and disposed off-site as hazardous waste.

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- d. **Existing and proposed drainage modifications:** The landfarm includes the construction of perimeter berms and a leveling course to facilitate a treatment area for the hydrocarbon contaminated soil from the nearby Beach POL area. Ditches and berms are provided to re-direct drainage and minimize run-on from outside of the landfarm and control runoff from within the landfarm. Diversion ditches will be built outside the landfarm, if required.
- e. **Water quality and environmental monitoring stations:** Groundwater monitoring wells will be provided to facilitate environmental monitoring during landfarming activities. Four groundwater monitoring wells will be installed around the perimeter of the landfarm. One well will be located upgradient of the facility and will be used as a background well. (Refer to Drawings CO3 and C04 for the proposed locations and installation details for the temporary monitoring wells.)

2. Installation of barriers to prevent access to the site:

Signage will be erected at access points to the landfarm area. Signage will be visible from all sides of the landfarm area. The English version of the sign shall read:

**"CAUTION: CONTAMINATED SOIL LANDFARM AREA
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY"**

A similar sign in the language of the local dialect will also be posted.

3. Placement of the Facility in relation to water bodies:

The site for this landfarm was recommended by EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd. in their geotechnical investigation report for FOX-C. The landfarm site is approximately 1000 m away from the ocean (Ekalugad Fiord) and in excess of 1500 m away from the fresh water lake.

- 4. **Flood risks/maximum probable precipitation events in regards to the Facility placement and design:**
The landfarm facility is not in the flood plain of any watercourse or lake.

- 5. **Alternative methods of soil storage or remediation, in the event that circumstances are not suitable, for example because of environmental constraints, available human resources, etc.:** Not applicable.

Operations and Maintenance Considerations

1. Procedures to determine if soils may be accepted at the Landfarm:

- a. **Chemical, physical and biological characterization of the soils and the associated hydrocarbon and metal contaminant concentrations:** The FOX-C Landfarm provides a treatment facility for the hydrocarbon contaminated soil from the Beach Area POL Storage Tanks, which was investigated and delineated by Earth Tech in 2004. The testing at the Beach POL Area shows exceedances in the F2 hydrocarbon fraction, with concentrations ranging from <10 to 2,890 ppm. The testing of the Beach POL soils did not show any exceedances for metals or PCB's.
- b. **Treatability studies, to determine the viability of landfarm treatment:** Since 1985, numerous environmental and risk assessments have been completed at the FOX-C site. In 2006, the Analytical Services Unit at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, prepared a report titled: "The Potential for Landfarming of Diesel Contaminated Soil at Ekalugad Fjord", in preparation for the remediation of hydrocarbon contaminated soils.

The experimental design attempted to simulate a landfarm and examined the contributions of aeration and bioremediation. The addition of fertilizer and the frequency of rotation were varied. As was expected, temperature was an important factor, with the reactors at 18°C remediating more diesel than the 8°C or the 5°C situations. However, at colder temperatures, the soils were successfully remediated with a rotation frequency of four days and the addition of fertilizer. At 5°C, in particular, aeration improved results and clear evidence of bioremediation was observed.

The data from the laboratory experiments indicate that landfarming at Ekalugad Fjord has the potential to successfully remediate the diesel contaminated soils. This study recommended that the landfarm be set up in the warmest possible location, at low elevation and be south-facing. Fertilizer is to be added and the landfarm should be tilled frequently. The moisture content of the soil has to be controlled, otherwise the soil will dry out and bioremediation would be adversely affected. The moisture content should be maintained between 10 and 15%, in order to promote bioremediation.

- c. **Sampling frequency and number of samples per volume of soil accepted:** The frequency of sampling will be determined by the Engineer. A typical program for an arctic landfarm would include dividing the landfarm into 10 m squares for the purpose of sampling. One discrete sample is collected from a random location within each 10 m square, which corresponds to about 4 m³ of F1/F2 contaminated soil. The sample is collected from the bottom 10 cm of soil (approximately 30-40 cm depth).

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2. Procedures to be utilized during active landfarming operations in the active treatment cells:

The treatment of the F1/F2 hydrocarbon contaminated soils in the landfarm will include the application of nutrients, along with tilling and moisture conditioning of the treatment soils. These activities are essential to ensure that adequate conditions for microbial growth are achieved. Granular nutrients will be applied uniformly to the contaminated soils at a rate sufficient to achieve the optimum nitrogen loading, as determined by testing during treatment. Fresh water will be sprayed over the soil to achieve the optimum moisture. Tilling of the contaminated soil is specified to occur at 10 days intervals and at 5 day intervals, should periods of warm or dry weather be encountered.

- a. Treatment cell development and material placement therein:** The treatment cell development will consist of the placement of specified granular materials for the perimeter berms and interior leveling course and the excavation of a perimeter ditch and sump on the east side of the facility. Once the landfarm is complete, F1/F2 hydrocarbon contaminated soil will be transported from the Beach Area to the Landfarm Area, such that no soil or liquid will be spilled during transport.
- b. Contaminated soil thickness in treatment cells:** The landfarm at FOX-C is designed to accommodate the F1/F2 contaminated soil spread to a maximum loose thickness of 400 mm.
- c. Method of mechanical aeration in treatment cells:** The treatment soils are typically tilled with an earthworks disc unit or rake attachment pulled by a farm tractor or bulldozer.
- d. Oversize material management:** The intent for oversize material management is to separate the boulders from the contaminated soil during excavation, manually remove organic and contaminated soil and use the boulders as backfill for the excavations. Any boulders observed in the landfarm, which could hinder the tilling operation, will be removed from the treatment area, cleaned and buried on-site.
- e. Surface water management, leachate containment and/or treatment, and site grade planning:** During periods of wet weather, tilling will be delayed until the treatment soils have adequately dried out. The landfarm is graded to drain and collect excess runoff in a sump at the low end of the facility.

Runoff that collects in the landfarm sump is considered contact water and can only be discharged if it is tested to have a maximum concentration for Oil and Grease of 5 mg/L, with none visible. The storage in the sump is limited and the Contractor is required to make provisions for testing, treatment (as required) and controlled discharge of the contact water. If the contact water does not meet the criteria for Oil and Grease indicated previously, the Contractor must treat the water to meet the criteria or containerize it as hazardous waste for off-site disposal.
- f. Process water management and treatment prior to discharge:** All surface water and process water that is collected in the landfarm sump is considered contact water and subject to the discharge requirements indicated in the previous section.
- g. Dust control programs:** The suppression of dust, generated during landfarm operations, will be done with a water spray. The use of oil for dust control is prohibited.

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- h. Staff operational training programs:** All activities involving the handling and treatment of hydrocarbon contaminated soil shall be directly supervised by Construction Contractor's personnel, who have successfully completed a 40 hour training course for Hazardous Waste Activities, in compliance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120 or other approved equivalent training courses such as the Canadian Hazardous Waste Workers Program. It is the responsibility of the Contractor to provide suitable training for operational staff.

3. Soil Quality Remediation Objective:

The Soil Quality Remediation Objectives are summarized in the INAC document: "Abandoned Military Site Remediation Protocol", dated March 2005. The remediation objectives include the treatment of contaminated soils from the Beach POL at FOX-C by landfarming to meet the criteria of 260 ppm for the PHC F1 fraction and 900 ppm for the PHC F2 fraction, as outlined in the Canada Wide Standards for Petroleum Hydrocarbons. If these levels are met, the contaminated soils are considered remediated, and can be left in place. If the criteria is not met, further tilling and confirmatory sampling is necessary.

4. Conceptual Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan:

- a. Details regarding the ultimate deposition of any treated soils:** When the hydrocarbon contaminated soils at FOX-C Landfarm have been tested to show that the remediation objectives have been met, the following tasks are specified to close the landfarm:
- Consolidate the treated contaminated soil within the landfarm to a maximum depth of 1.0 m. Grade this consolidation area allow a final slope of 2 to 4%.
 - All granular fill is to be compacted to 95% Maximum Dry Density;
 - Excavate granular material from the perimeter berms outside the consolidation area and place this material, as cover, to a minimum depth of 30 cm, over the consolidated treated soil area.
 - Decommission the groundwater monitoring wells, including backfilling with appropriate grout, removal of the protective casing, lockable cap and well pipe to within 300 mm from the ground surface, and backfill and compact all voids with granular fill material.

The Construction Contractor is required to complete the cleanup and to remediate all of the areas in which his/her activities took place, as described in the project specifications.

- b. Disposal plan for soils contaminated with bioremediation-unsuitable compounds, or for soils that do not respond well to the proposed landfarming treatment:** All soils contaminated with bioremediation-unsuitable compounds, or soils that do not respond well to the proposed landfarming treatment will be containerized and disposed off-site.

Surface and Groundwater Monitoring Programs

1. Locations of all proposed Monitoring Stations:

The proposed locations of the four monitoring wells are shown on Drawing C03 attached. All locations are to be field confirmed by the Engineer. The monitoring wells will be surveyed after installation.

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2. Chemical, physical and biological parameters to be monitored:

A typical groundwater testing program for a temporary landfarm would include field testing for pH, turbidity, temperature and conductivity and analytical testing (at an accredited lab) for Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons in each of the Fractions (F1 to F4) identified in the Canada Wide Standards.

3. Sampling frequency:

A typical groundwater monitoring program would include annual sampling and testing of water from temporary monitoring wells. The samples would be taken at maximum thaw (late August or September) during active soil treatment operations.

4. Baseline Monitoring Programs:

A contemplated Baseline Monitoring Program would include representative sampling and testing of soil prior to the construction of the landfarm.

5. QA/QC Programs to be implemented as part of the Monitoring Program:

Construction monitoring and quality control is required to ensure satisfactory performance of the landfarm at FOX-C. It is the intent of INAC to procure qualified engineering staff to ensure that the design intent, including all requirements of the specification, is suitably met.

CLOSURE

We trust this meets your current requirements. If you require additional information or clarification, please call myself or Barry Fedorak at (780) 486-7000.

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Encl: References, Drawings C01, C02, C03, C04

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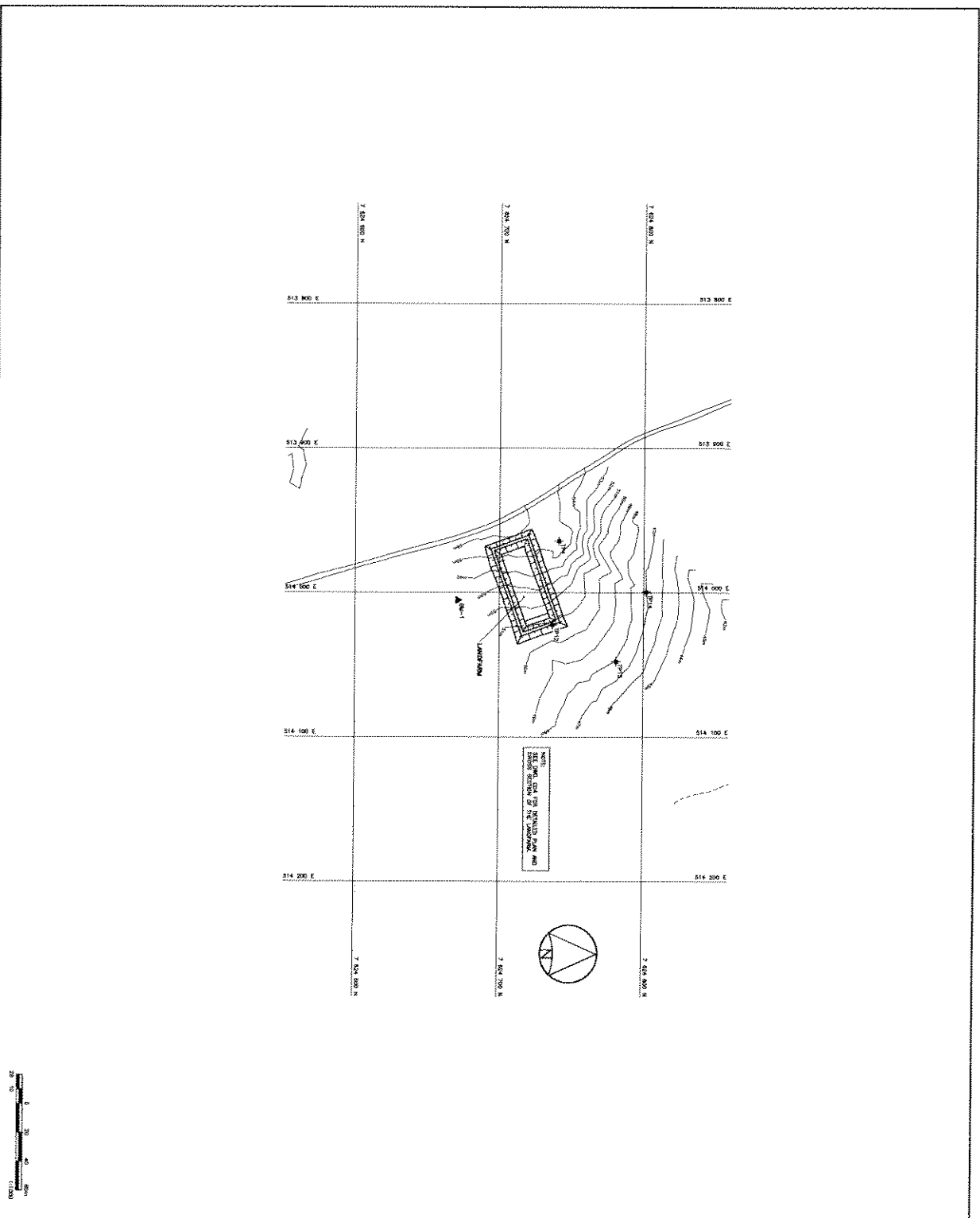
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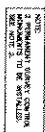
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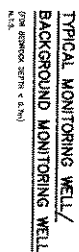
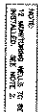
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Dear Mr. Thompson:

**Re: Restoration of FOX-C and CAM-F Intermediate DEW Line Sites
Application for a Water License from the Nunavut Water Board (NWB)
Response to NWB Outstanding Issues for the Water License Applications**

UMA Engineering Ltd. (UMA) has been retained to provide services to support the application for Water Use Licenses for the environmental restoration at the CAM-F, Sarcpa Lake and FOX-C, Ekalugad Fiord Intermediate DEW Line sites. The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) has submitted a letter, dated May 26, 2006, outlining outstanding issues for these water license applications. The purpose of this letter is to provide a response to the NWB issues. This response letter is structured to follow the format of the NWB letter.

RESPONSES RELATIVE TO BOTH APPLICATIONS (1BR-SAR & 1BR-EKA)

1. Justification of the Wastewater Discharge Criteria:
 - a. The Environment Canada reference document: "An Approach for Assessing and Managing Wastewater Effluent Quality for Federal Facilities" (2000) has been pulled from circulation; however, this does not affect the wastewater discharge criteria, as there are other guidelines to back up each parameter (see response to 1 d).
 - b. The Wastewater Discharge Criteria parameters are the same for both the 1982 and 1992. The guideline comparison table (see response to 1 d) has been updated to reference the 1992 Guidelines.
 - c. Attached to this letter are the specification pages with the corresponding Wastewater Discharge Criteria from the current DND Clean Up Sites (FOX-5, FOX-M and DYE-M).
 - d. I have updated and attached Table 1 – Comparison of Project Wastewater Criteria to other Canadian and Northern Standards – to show that each parameter has a match to an existing environmental guideline.
2. PWGSC to respond to QA/QC plan issues.

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3. PWGSC to provide response for the fuel storage facility based on communications with the Contractor.

RESPONSES RELATIVE TO APPLICATION 1BR-EKA

1. The total requirement for water, including camp and construction activities, is estimated at 30 cubic metres per day.
2. The volume of solid waste that will be generated by the camp is estimated at 150 kg per day. All combustible waste will be incinerated and the ash/residual will be disposed of in the on-site non-hazardous waste landfill.
3. It is not expected that there will be any hazardous waste generated from the camp and laboratory. Any hazardous waste generated from construction, camp or laboratory will be containerized appropriately and shipped off-site for disposal at a licensed hazardous waste disposal facility.
4. PWGSC to provide response for the fuel storage areas based on communications with the Contractor.
5. PWGSC / INAC to forward Landfarm Questionnaire Response.
6. PWGSC to provide response for wastewater storage based on communications with the Contractor.

OTHER ISSUES

Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons (TPH) and BTEX constituents have not been included in the Wastewater Discharge Criteria for CAM-F, FOX-C or any of the DND DEW Line Sites.

The hydrocarbon contamination at the FOX-C and CAM-F sites are typically the result of diesel fuel and/or lubricating oil spills. These hydrocarbon products consist of heavy end hydrocarbon chains, rather than the lighter end, such as the BTEX constituents, and are not very soluble in water. In addition, the hydrocarbon contamination at these sites occurred during the operational timeframe (from the mid-1950's to the mid-1960's) before the sites were closed. As such, there would be little, if any, BTEX present in the soils, as they are easily volatilized. Therefore, the most meaningful and practical parameter to monitor in the wastewater would be oil and grease. Previously, we have monitored this by the presence/absence of a visible sheen. On occasion, the water has been sampled for oil and grease. The visible sheen is an indication of phase-separated hydrocarbons and can easily be dealt with by skimming the surface or filtering the wastewater with a hydrophobic, sorbent boom or blanket.

For the PCB concentration in wastewater, we propose a criterion of 1 ppm (mg/L), which is derived from the Chlorobiphenyls Regulations (1991). Section 5 (2 b) from this regulation states that: "the concentration that may be released is 5 ppm by weight of the liquid in respect of an application to a road surface". We have chosen the criteria of 1.0 mg/L to provide a slightly more conservative value than CEPA requires.

For the zinc concentration in wastewater, we propose to lower the criteria from 1 mg/L to 0.5 mg/L to match the 1992 NWT Guidelines for Municipal Wastewater Discharge.

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CLOSURE

We trust this meets your current requirements. If you require additional information or clarification, please call me on my direct line at (780) 486-7624.

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Encl: Table 1 - Comparison of Project Wastewater Criteria to other Canadian and Northern Standards
Wastewater Discharge Criteria for FOX-5, FOX-M and DYE-M
Water Quality Results from the Site Clean Up at PIN-3, Lady Franklin Point

Table 1: Comparison of Project Wastewater Criteria to other Canadian and Northern Standards

Parameter	Construction Wastewater Discharge Criteria (µg/L)	NWT Guideline, 1992 (µg/L)	Nunavut Effluent Guidelines, Sept. 2002 (µg/L)	CCME Interim Irrigation Criteria, 1991 (µg/L)	Chlorobiphenols Regulations (1991)
pH	6 - 9 (unitless)	N.G.	N.G.	6.5 - 9.0 (unitless)	N.G.
Oils and Grease	5000	5000 / none visible	N.G.	N.G.	N.G.
Arsenic (total)	100	50	500	100	N.G.
Cadmium (dissolved)	10	5	1.7	10	N.G.
Chromium (dissolved)	100	100	890 (trivalent)	100	N.G.
Cobalt (dissolved)	50	100	N.G.	50	N.G.
Copper (dissolved)	200	200	N.G.	200 - 1000	N.G.
Lead (dissolved)	50	50	N.G.	200	N.G.
Mercury (dissolved)	0.6	0.6	10	N.G.	N.G.
Nickel (dissolved)	200	300	N.G.	200	N.G.
PCB (total)	1000	N.G.	N.G.	N.G.	5000
Zinc (dissolved)	500	500	3000	N.G.	N.G.
¹ Guideline numbers derived from Table 4.2					
² Guideline numbers derived from Table 6.2 "Fresh Water Maximum Concentration"					

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Maximum Allowable Level</u>
pH	6 to 9
Oil and Grease	5 mg/L & None Visible
Arsenic (total)	100 µg/L
Cadmium (dissolved)	10 µg/L
Chromium (total)	100 µg/L
Cobalt (dissolved)	50 µg/L
Copper (dissolved)	200 µg/L
Lead (dissolved)	50 µg/L
Mercury (total)	0.6 µg/L
Nickel (dissolved)	200 µg/L
PCB: discharge to barren area	50 µg/L
PCB: discharge to vegetated area	5 µg/L
Phenols	20 µg/L
Zinc (total)	1,000 µg/L

- .2 Dispose of any liquid effluent not conforming to these guidelines as hazardous material in accordance with Section 02090 - Hazardous Waste Material.

5 Sewage Disposal Requirements

- .1 An existing sewage lagoon services the Hamlet of Qikiqtarjuaq. The Contractor is required to use this sewage lagoon for disposal of all sewage related to this contract, unless capacity or other issues disallow use.
- .2 Comply with the requirements of this section, unless written application has been made to and written permission has been received from the Hamlet. Provide proof of same to Engineer.
- .3 If capacity or other issues disallow use of Hamlet's sewage lagoon, discharge sewage into two temporary lagoons within the DND reserve. Provide the necessary piping to ensure the lagoons can be operated independently.
- .4 Size each of the two temporary lagoons to provide capacity for 45 days of wastewater storage or one-half the duration of the construction season, whichever is less. The maximum fluid depth shall not exceed one metre.
- .5 Locate the temporary lagoon area:
- .1 A minimum of 100 m from the construction camp, Engineer's Office, and/or other temporary facilities.
 - .2 A minimum of 100 m from drainage paths.
 - .3 A minimum of 450 metres from water bodies supporting aquatic life.
 - .4 Downwind of the construction camp based on the prevailing wind direction.
 - .5 Within the DND reserve.

- .2 Submit one complete copy of all submittals and agency approvals to the Engineer.

4 Wastewater Discharge Criteria

- .1 Wash water, meltwater collection, rinse water resulting from the cleaning of fuel tanks and pipelines, and/or any other liquid effluent stream shall be released onto the ground at a location that is a minimum of 30 metres from natural drainage courses, and shall conform to the following guidelines:

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Maximum Allowable Level</u>
pH	6 to 9
Oil and Grease	None Visible
Arsenic (total)	100 µg/L
Cadmium (dissolved)	10 µg/L
Chromium (total)	100 µg/L
Cobalt (dissolved)	50 µg/L
Copper (dissolved)	200 µg/L
Lead (dissolved)	50 µg/L
Mercury (total)	0.6 µg/L
Nickel (dissolved)	200 µg/L
PCB: discharge to barren area	50 µg/L
PCB: discharge to vegetated area	5 µg/L
Phenols	20 µg/L
Zinc (total)	1,000 µg/L

- .2 Dispose of any liquid effluent not conforming to these guidelines as hazardous material in accordance with Section 02090 - Hazardous Waste Material.

5 Sewage Disposal Requirements

- .1 An existing sewage lagoon services the Hamlet of Hall Beach. The use of this lagoon is subject to the Contractor receiving approval from the Hamlet.
- .2 Comply with the requirements of this section, unless written application has been made to and written permission has been received from the Hamlet. Provide proof of same to Engineer.
- .3 Comply with the requirements of the Land Use Permit, the Water License and the Public Health Act (Nunavut).
- .4 If an existing sewage lagoon is not available discharge sewage into two temporary lagoon areas constructed within the DND reserve. Provide the necessary piping to

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Maximum Allowable Concentration</u>
pH	6 to 9
Oil and Grease	5 mg/L and None Visible
Arsenic (total)	100 µg/L
Cadmium (dissolved)	10 µg/L
Chromium (total)	100 µg/L
Cobalt (dissolved)	50 µg/L
Copper (dissolved)	200 µg/L
Lead (dissolved)	50 µg/L
Mercury (total)	0.6 µg/L
Nickel (dissolved)	200 µg/L
PCB: discharge to barren area	50 µg/L
PCB: discharge to vegetated area	5 µg/L
Phenols	20 µg/L
Zinc (total)	1,000 µg/L

- .2 Dispose of any liquid effluent not conforming to these guidelines as hazardous material in accordance with Section 02090 - Hazardous Waste Material.

5 Sewage Disposal Requirements

- .1 Comply with the requirements of the Land Use Permit, the Water License and the Public Health Act (Nunavut).
- .2 For each camp location, discharge sewage into two temporary lagoon areas constructed within the DND reserve. Provide the necessary piping to ensure the lagoons can be operated independently.
- .3 Size each of the lagoons to provide capacity for 45 days of wastewater storage or one half the duration of the construction season, whichever is less. The maximum fluid depth shall not exceed one metre.
- .4 Locate the temporary lagoon area:
- .1 A minimum of 100 m from the construction camp, Engineer's Office, and/or other temporary facilities.
 - .2 A minimum of 100 m from drainage paths.
 - .3 A minimum of 450 metres from water bodies supporting aquatic life.
 - .4 Downwind of the construction camp based on the prevailing wind direction.
 - .5 Within the DND reserve.

- .5 Treat all sewage to meet the following Minimum Sewage Discharge Criteria:

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Maximum Average Concentration</u>
Oil and Grease	None Visible
pH	6 to 9
BODs	120 mg/L
Total Suspended Solids	180 mg/L
Faecal Coliforms	10 000 CFU/dL

Table 2. Summary of 2003 Water Quality Results at PIN-3

Parameter	pH	Oil & Grease mg/L	Total Arsenic mg/L	Dissolved Cadmium mg/L	Total Chromium mg/L	Dissolved Cobalt mg/L	Dissolved Copper mg/L	Dissolved Lead mg/L	Total Mercury ug/L	Dissolved Nickel mg/L	Total Zinc mg/L	PCBs ug/L	Phenols ug/L
Units	pH	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	ug/L	mg/L	mg/L	ug/L	ug/L
MAC: 6.0 - 9.0	No visible sheen	0.1	0.01	0.1	0.05	0.2	0.05	0.6	1	0.2	1	5 or 50	20
Beach POL Pad (12408631 E, 7596518 N)													
30/06/2003	8.22	None visible	<0.003	<0.001	<0.005	<0.003	0.006	<0.010	<0.4	<0.005	0.018	<3.0	<1.0
Sewage Outfall													
06/07/2003	7.21	None visible	0.004	<0.001	<0.005	<0.003	0.005	<0.010	<0.4	<0.005	0.036	<3.0	<1.0
West Module Train Holding Pond - North (12409012 E, 7598256 N)													
08/07/2003	7.48	None visible	<0.003	<0.001	<0.005	<0.003	0.005	<0.010	<0.4	<0.005	0.014	<3.0	<1.0
West Module Train Holding Pond - South (12409012 E, 7598256 N)													
08/07/2003	7.25	None visible	<0.003	<0.001	<0.005	<0.003	<0.005	<0.010	<0.4	<0.005	<0.010	<3.0	<1.0
Field Blank													
08/07/2003	6.59	None visible	<0.003	<0.001	<0.005	<0.003	<0.005	<0.010	<0.4	<0.005	<0.010	<3.0	<1.0
Travel Blank													
08/07/2003	5.40	None visible	<0.003	<0.001	<0.005	<0.003	<0.005	<0.010	<0.4	<0.005	<0.010	<3.0	<1.0
East Module Train Holding Pond - North (12409240 E, 7598259 N)													
10/07/2003	7.48	None visible	<0.003	<0.001	<0.005	<0.003	0.007	<0.010	<0.4	<0.005	0.025	<3.0	<1.0
East Module Train Holding Pond - North (12409240 E, 7598259 N)													
10/07/2003	7.92	None visible	<0.003	<0.001	<0.005	<0.003	0.006	<0.010	<0.4	<0.005	<0.010	<3.0	<1.0
7/10/2003*	8.01	None visible	<0.003	<0.001	<0.005	<0.003	0.008	<0.010	<0.4	<0.005	0.010	<3.0	<1.0
Beach POL Pad Excavation #1 (12408653 E, 7596461 N)													
05/08/2003	8.01	None visible	0.004	<0.001	0.005	<0.003	0.006	<0.010	<0.4	<0.005	<0.010	<3.0	1.0
Beach POL Pad Excavation #2 (12408630 E, 7596450 N)													
05/08/2003	7.95	None visible	0.005	<0.001	<0.005	<0.003	0.007	<0.010	<0.4	<0.005	0.010	<3.0	1.9
Hanger Excavation (12408221 E, 7597322 N)													
05/08/2003	8.06	None visible	<0.003	<0.001	<0.005	<0.003	0.006	<0.010	<0.4	<0.005	0.040	<3.0	<1.0

NOTE: ¹ Target Maximum Acceptable Concentrations as proposed in the Monitoring Plan
^{5,4} Exceeds Guideline Criteria
* Duplicate Sample