



April 26, 2005

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**RE: Response to letter dated April 18, 2005 for the Environmental Screening of
FOX-C Intermediate DEW Line Site**

Dear Mr. Lines:

I am happy to provide the following table which clearly outlines the outstanding elements identified in your letter dated April 18, 2005. A few of the issues have already been submitted, as indicated in the table. The remaining elements are addressed in the attached submissions, and the location of the requirement is clearly identified in the attached table:

Attached:

1. Table of Responses to NIRB April 18 Letter (FOX-C)
2. Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Part 2 Form (FOX-C)
3. Abandoned Military Site Remediation Protocol
4. Water Use Application
5. Inuit Owned Land Access Application
6. Nunavut Planning Commission Conformance Check Application

As well, in the interests of saving time, this covering letter and the first 2 items above will be provided to NIRB, by e-mail.

As requested, two copies of the Phase III Environmental Site Assessment; and the FOX-C Geotechnical Report are being sent to you. The reports will be forwarded to you from Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) in Edmonton.

As discussed, the Land Use application has been sent previously.

Please note that all of the above can be found on the PWGSC FTP site at
<ftp://ftp.pwgsc.gc.ca/tmp/DEW%20Line%20Sites/FOX-C%20Ekalugad%20Fjord/>

A CD containing all of the above information is being prepared. A copy will be sent, for me, from Public Works and Government Services Canada to NIRB, INAC Lands,

Qikiqtani Inuit Association, the Nunavut Water Board and the Nunavut Planning Commission. The CD will be labeled "April 26, 2005, FOX-C information to NIRB".

The Environmental Impact Assessment will follow, in hard copy and on CD, on May 2.

A quarry permit will be applied for at a later date.

No other applications have been, or are anticipated to be applied for at this time.

You have also indicated that our submission does not discuss the potential impacts and mitigation to components of the biophysical and socio-economic environment. This will be provided in the **Environmental Impact Assessment**, which will be provided to NIRB on May 2, 2005.

INAC is also aware of the co-operation agreement signed in 1998 by the Department of National Defence and NTI for the clean-up and restoration of DEW Line sites within Nunavut. I would like to point out Clause 3.2 of that agreement that states the Agreement is not to be construed as a precedent for any other activities of DND, Canada or any third party. That said, I believe that INAC has surpassed the provisions of this agreement. INAC fully reviewed the DND DLCU Protocol and have developed our own protocol, as indicated above, Abandoned Military Site Remediation Protocol. This protocol adopts the DND DLCU protocol but also includes provisions for petroleum hydrocarbons and risk based assessment, where DLCU Protocol is silent.

I hope this letter and attached submissions meet NIRB requirements to proceed with the screening.

Please contact me at 867-979-7934 if you require further information or clarification.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Natalie Plato', followed by a stylized flourish or set of initials.

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