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Via electronic mail to:
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Re: NWB5LON0308 - 2004 Annual Report

On behalf of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), I would like to thank the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for the opportunity to provide comments on the 2004 Annual Report for the FOX-2 DEW line clean-up. The report presented was prepared by UMA Engineering, as per the requirements of Part B.1 of water licence NWB5LON0308 (the current licence), on behalf of Defence Construction Canada and the Department of National Defence (the Licensees).

A review of the 2004 report was conducted by Water Resources. Although most of the stipulations under part B.1 of the water licence were not applicable this year, (as no work occurred at the site) there appears to be a couple of omissions. The following comments are offered:

1. Part B.1.6 requires the proponent to devise and submit a summary of all abandonment and restoration work anticipated in the coming year. INAC suggests that these summaries be requested so that NWB can assess whether or not the plans are in accordance with the water licence conditions.
2. As no work was conducted in the past year it seems a monitoring plan should have been implemented to ensure that previous restoration has been effective and maintained. The conditions of the licence (Part B.1.5) requires data to be collected, analysed and submitted with the annual report. It is recommended that the proponent provide the monitoring data as stipulated in the conditions of the licence under Part B.1.4.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call.

Best regards,

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