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Via electronic mail to:
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Re: NWB5QIK0207 - 2003 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 comment on the 2003 Annual Report for the FOX-5 DEW line clean-up. The 2003 Annual Report was issued by UMA Engineering Ltd. (UMA) on behalf of the Defence Construction Canada and the Department of National Defence (the Licencees), in accordance with Part B, Item 1 of Water Licence NWB5QIK0207 (the Current Licence).

The 2003 Annual Report adequately addressed many of the requirements of Part B, Item 1 of the Current Licence. This was largely a result of the limited activity at the site in 2003, resulting in many sections of Part B, Item 1 of the Current Licence being not yet applicable. INAC would draw the Licencees' and UMA's attention, however, to the following annual reporting requirements and suggestions, for the current and future annual reports:

1. It is recommended that the Licencee list each of the requirements in Part B, Item 1, in their Annual Report. Where a reporting item is not relevant to that year's annual report, a short explanation noting this would suffice. By increasing the structure of the annual report from that provided in the 2003 report, the Licencee will not only decrease the current ambiguity of matching the information provided with the Part B, Item 1 requirements, but will also ensure that no reporting requirements have been inadvertently omitted.
2. The 2003 Annual Report states that municipal facilities were used for the provision of water and removal of water and waste, and as a result no data are available with respect to the quantities of water consumed or wastewater released. As the Current Licence provides for a maximum of 30 m³/day water use, it is recommended that the Licencee develop a mechanism for estimating water use, such that compliance with the conditions of Water Licence can be demonstrated.

3. The Licencees are requested to provide the English and Inuktitut executive summaries of the annual report, as required under Part B.1.xv of the Current Licence.

Please do not hesitate contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

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