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**Re: NWB5RES9803 Resolution Island 2002 Annual Report**

On behalf of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Water Resources, I am pleased to present the following comments on the 2002 Annual Report for the Resolution Island DEW line site, submitted in accordance with Part B, Item 1 of Water Licence NWB5RES9803 ("the Current Licence") held by INAC ("the Licencee").

The 2002 Annual Report was submitted in a manner consistent with that defined in the Current Licence. All of the information required under Part B, Item 1 of the Current Licence appeared adequate as provided; fresh water usage did not exceed the 400 m<sup>3</sup> monthly limit provided in Part C, Item 2 and, with the exception of pH, met the criteria stipulated in Part C, Item 4. It is recommended that stringent monitoring and adjustment of pH in drinking water continue to ensure that these values are maintained within the defined limits. It is also recommended that monitoring continue at the RES-4 and RES-5 stations of the Surveillance Network Program (SNP) under as wide a variety of climactic conditions as is reasonable to confirm that no discharge exists or, alternately, to provide the greatest degree of opportunity under which to obtain a sample. On the whole, however, INAC commends the Licencee for the comprehensiveness and clarity of the submitted report.

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

Best regards,

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