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RE: NWB5RES0308 – Resolution Island 2003 Annual Report

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned application. The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to Environment Canada's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Sinanni Inc., on behalf of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and Qikiqtaaluk Corporation, has submitted an annual report in accordance with their water licenses for Resolution Island. License NWB5RES9803 expired on July 31, 2003, and therefore license NWB5RES0308 was subsequently issued.

Environment Canada notes that there was an accidental discharge of fuel on snow underneath a building in 2003. The annual report indicates that this incident was reported to the Government of Nunavut Environmental Protection Services, and that the entire volume of spilled fuel was recovered. Environment Canada would like to remind the proponent that all spills are to be documented and reported to the NWT Spill Line at (867) 920-8130. This reporting requirement must be added to the existing Contingency Plan if it is not already in place.

If there are any changes in the proposed project, EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4639 or by email at colette.meloche@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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