Record of Conversation

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June 13 th 2005		180-885.
NWB Licence:	Project:	
NWB4BBS	Baffin Building Services	

From:	Colin O'Neil	Organization: Baffin Building Services	
To:	Joe Murdock	Phone/Fax: (867) 979 6949 Email:	

Re: Water Licence Application and Direction with SCP

A call was made to Colin O'Neil at 2:22pm returning his call made earlier in the afternoon. Colin was inquiring on how to complete the requirements of the BBS water licence. NWB Admin. had informed Colin that his application was incomplete and he was irritated and confused. He wanted direction in how he should complete the application requirements. I had advised Colin that NWB administration was correct in advising him that his application was incomplete. I stated that to be in proper agreement with The Act (The Law) that there was a need for a NWB licence when any industrial use of water in Nunavut is to take place. Colin had asked why his business was required to apply. I had reiterated the need to apply when using water for industrial activities and his licence was not under the licence applied for by the City of Iqaluit. Colin explained that his site does have fuel tanks on site but the water use requested was to wash granular aggregate so dust was not flying through the air during industrial activities. After use of this water it was to re-pumped back into the North-40 pit where it was taken from. Colin questioned the use of an alternate water source (Water directly from the City of Igaluit). I advised Colin that the water will be altered after a granular wash, I had then described further into describing the mechanism of granular washing. We had discussed the sensitivity of the North 40 Site that in some instances there was a possibility that contaminants had attached to granular surfaces. When washing with water, the water itself could become contaminated due to this mixing. Colin had then pushed the idea of not using water at all as a dust suppressant. I had then advised Colin that if there is no use of water and no change in a water source due to business activities that he need not apply for a water licence (BBS to not use water in its operations). He made mention of allowing the dust to fly into the air. I hold Colin this is outside the scope of my responsibilities and I made mention that he should seek advice from other regulatory agencies (EC and DIAND were mentioned) on what regulations should be met with regards to dust emissions. I have no say in the issue (I did not mention any dealings with dust falling into water bodies though I had remembered that this is an avenue we can push if need be) and other Reg. Agencies should be consulted. I had mentioned that his file is in queue and I will be reviewing the file. I will pass along guidance after such review. Colin also mentioned he would keep me posted on what his actions with regards to use of water or no use of water in due course time.

NWB Actions requested: Direction on how to complete a SCP.

NWB Actions Committed: Review file and to give guidance as needed.

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