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Re: INAC Response to the City of Iqaluit Letter on the Action Plan Pertaining to North 40.

Dear Mr. Sokach

On June 4th, 2004 I received a copy of the City of Iqaluit's response to the letter of direction dated June 3, 2004.

The letter suggested that the City had complied with terms one and four of the Inspector's Direction as well as the first part of item two. I am in agreement with the City on this point.

The City has proposed to collect a composite sample for every 5000 cubic metres of currently stockpiled materials. This is not an acceptable frequency for sampling. The City needs to provide information, with the help of contractors, on exactly how much soil is expected to be used this season as well as the source of that soil. That should include an estimate on the number of truckloads to be deposited each day and the cost per cubic metre of the material removed.

The majority of material appears to be slated for the construction of the new Hospital in Iqaluit. The material deposited at this site will need to meet the Government of Nunavut criteria for Residential use (500ppm). It has been pointed out that some of the soil will be used at an addition for a school in Iqaluit. If the children at the school will be in contact with this soil it will need to adhere to more stringent guidelines and will require Fraction analysis.

The excavation and processing of raw material *will not be permitted* until an Abandonment and Restoration plan has been submitted to, and approved by, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) and the restoration of the site has been completed to the satisfaction of INAC and the NWB.

The NWB has committed to providing a guidance document on the A&R of the North 40 as soon as possible. The verbal commitment was to have the document to the City and INAC by June 10, 2004.

I would encourage the City to pursue additional funding for the A&R of the North 40, However, it is the responsibility of the City to complete the A&R to the satisfaction of INAC and the NWB with or without additional funding.

The diversion of Carney Creek and the control and removal of surface water at the site will go a long way toward allowing the City and local contractors to begin to excavate and process raw material in the North 40. However, it is important to note that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Environment Canada will need to be notified of any diversion and control measures of Carney Creek at the site but I would not expect these respective Federal Departments to have any objections.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Sincerely,



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