

As a final comment, I would like to add my voice to those other “project proponents” who have expressed a concern about the lack of clarity regarding the requirements for water licensing. I believe the difficulty arises from the lack of Nunavut-specific regulations; my comments about these problems are in no way intended to be a reflection of the work done by the Water Board. The lack of clarity is particularly troublesome, from my point of view, for activities that require the use of only small amounts of water, including those activities that do not require a Territorial land use permit. Although I cannot commit my organization to my ideas with respect to this matter, I strongly endorse the position put forward by many people attempting to carry out projects in Nunavut: the development of regulations, including clear thresholds below which a water licence would not be required, would be extremely beneficial to all water users and should be undertaken on an urgent, high-priority basis.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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