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Re: Request for NWB “Clearance Letter” for Iqaluit Airport Improvement Project,
Your file: 144313128

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This letter is in response to the query initially received by Phyllis Beaulieu, the Manager of Licensing of the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) on January 25, 2013 regarding the water licensing requirements associated with the Iqaluit Airport Improvement Project (IAIP) and that you followed up on with the Board on August 2, 2013. My apologies for the delay in providing the Board’s response, but as this query posed a novel and important question, the Board needed to consider a number of factors, including past practices and the potential effect of changes to municipal water licensing brought in under the new *Nunavut Waters Regulations* that came into force in April.

At the outset, let me clarify that the Board cannot provide “clearance letters”, but rather by way of this letter, the Board has provided its guidance regarding the applicable licensing regime, with the onus being on the project proponent to consider the guidance provided and independently determine their compliance obligations.

Based on the summary of the project provided to the Board initially in January and as further described in your letter of August 2, 2013, the Board has determined that the licensing regime applicable to the activities proposed for the IAIP should be considered under the classifications of undertakings provided in the *Northwest Territories Waters Regulations*, SOR/93-303 (*NWT Regulations*) which was the regulatory regime in place at the time of your initial inquiry. This distinction is important, because the classification of municipal undertakings under the *NWT*

