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Your file - Votre référence  
2BE-GAR0710  
Our file - Notre référence  
CIDM# 613892

**Re: 2BE-GAR0710 – Garry Lake Project – Uravan Minerals Inc. -  
Application for Cancellation**

Dear Phyllis Beaulieu:

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) has performed a review of the application to cancel water licence 2BE-GAR0710 submitted by Uravan Minerals Incorporated (Uravan) to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). The following advice has been provided pursuant to AANDC's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (NWNSTRA) and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act* (DIAND Act). In conducting our review, AANDC referred to the documents on the NWB's FTP-site under 2BE-GAR0710.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4738 or by e-mail at [Jean.Allen@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca](mailto:Jean.Allen@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca)

Sincerely,

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## **Technical Review Memorandum**

To: Phyllis Beaulieu – Manager of Licensing, Nunavut Water Board

From: Jean Allen – Water Management Specialist, AANDC

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### **A. Project Description**

On November 19, 2012, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) distributed Uravan Minerals Inc.'s (Uravan) application to cancel water licence 2BE-GAR0710.

Uravan was granted a water licence in 2007 to use 5 cubic meters of water per day from a nearby unnamed lake to conduct mineral exploration (uranium). The Garry Lake 5-person exploration camp is located on Inuit Owned Lands and is approximately 245 km northwest of Baker Lake (65°34'52" N, 100°00'31" W). Uravan applied for an amendment in 2008 to increase water use by 18 m<sup>3</sup>/day to allow for diamond drilling operations but the application was later withdrawn in August 2011.

Uravan submitted an application to cancel their water licence on October 26, 2012. On October 17, 2012, a compliance plan was submitted in response to an inspection conducted by AANDC on July 30, 2012.

### **B. Results of Review**

The AANDC Water Resources Division offers the following comments/recommendations for the Board's consideration.

1. One annual report was found on the FTP site (2007). AANDC suggests that all outstanding reports (or a combined report) be submitted to the NWB prior to cancellation of the water licence. These reports should include all water/waste activities, unauthorized discharges, reclamation work, and GPS coordinates of all locations where wastes were deposited.
2. Part I, Item 2 of the water licence states that an Abandonment and Restoration (A&R) Plan was to be submitted within 60 days of issuance of the licence. While there is an email from Uravan stating that the exploration camp has been mobilized to Baker Lake along with empty drums and related camp waste (July 23, 2007), no A&R Plan was found on the FTP site.

3. According to the Compliance Plan, all reclamation work will take place between July 15 and August 15, 2013. AANDC believes the compliance plan is satisfactory but recommends that an application to cancel water licence 2BE-GAR0710 be resubmitted when all reclamation activities are complete. AANDC further recommends that Uravan coordinate with the Field Operations Division before August 2013 to facilitate the scheduling of a final inspection of the site.

The AANDC Water Resources Division recommends that water licence 2BE-GAR0710 not be cancelled until the information listed above is submitted to the NWB and a final inspection of the Garry Lake property is conducted by an AANDC Water Resource / Resource Management Officer.