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Attention: Richard Dwyer

Re: NWB 1BR-UTI Transport Canada - Utilidor Demolition - Removal & Abatement - Renewal - Iqaluit Airport.

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EPO's contribution to your request for specialist advice is based on the mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of **Section 36(3)** of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* (CEPA), the *Migratory Birds Convention Act* (MBCA) and the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA).

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the above noted application submitted by Transport Canada. The work will include the removal and disposal of friable asbestos, which poses a potential health hazard to the public and environmental concerns. Any environmental impacts or concerns from this project can be addressed and mitigated with sound environmental and known Asbestos Abatement practices.

Environment Canada has no issues with the mitigation measures outlined in Transport Canada's proposal for the removal and demolition of the utilidore, provided that all known Asbestos Abatement policies and practices are adhered to by the proponent and its contractors. EC recommends that the following general conditions be applied throughout all phases of the project:

• The proponent shall ensure that any chemicals, fuel or wastes associated with the proposed land use permit application do not enter waters frequented by fish. It is a requirement of **Section 36(3)** of the *Fisheries Act* that all effluent discharged into water frequented by fish, be non-deleterious

EPO should be notified of changes in the proposed or permitted activities associated with this application.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 669-4744 or ron.bujold@ec.gc.ca with any questions or comments.

Yours truly,

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