



Water Resources Division  
Nunavut Regional Office  
Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

*Your file - Votre référence*  
8BR-UT10606

July 3, 2015

*Our file - Notre référence*  
IQALUIT#925286

Robin Ikkutisluk  
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**Re: Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada's (AANDC) Review of  
Transport Canada's Cancellation Application for Water Licence #8BR-  
UT10606 – Iqaluit Airport Utilidor Removal**

Dear Ms. Ikkutisluk,

Thank-you for the email notice received on June 9, 2015 regarding the above mentioned application.

AANDC Water Resources Division reviewed the cancellation application and the results of our review are provided in the enclosed memorandum for the Board's consideration. Comments have been provided pursuant to the Department's mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act*.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 867-975-3876 or [Sarah.Forte@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca](mailto:Sarah.Forte@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca) for any additional information.

Regards,

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Water Management Coordinator

c.c.: Andrew Keim, Acting Manager of Water Resources, AANDC Nunavut  
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## **Technical Review Memorandum**

To: Robin Ikkutisluuk – Licence Administrator Assistant, Nunavut Water Board

From: Sarah Forté – Water Management Coordinator, AANDC

Date: July 3, 2015

Re: Water Licence Cancellation Application, #8BR-UTI0606

Licensee: Transport Canada

Project: Iqaluit Airport Utilidor Removal and Asbestos Abatement

Region: Qikiqtani

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### **A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On June 9, 2015 the Nunavut Water Board provided notification to interested parties that Transport Canada (the Licensee) had submitted an application to cancel their Type 'B' water licence #8BR-UTI0606.

The licence was granted for the removal of a 110 m section of a utilidor located on the Iqaluit airport property, approximately 10 m north of Apron 1. The utilidor was parallel to a drainage ditch with a section beneath the road and taxiway contained in a concrete culvert. Both the aircell and sweatwrap insulation contained asbestos.

The demolition and asbestos abatement were done in autumn 2006 and spring 2007, with hazardous and salvage materials being shipped off-site to Montréal, Québec and non-hazardous materials being disposed of at the City of Iqaluit's landfill.

Interested parties were requested to review the information and provide comments by July 9, 2015.

### **B. RESULTS OF REVIEW**

On behalf of AANDC, the following comments are submitted to the Nunavut Water Board for consideration:

- AANDC notes that no annual reports have been filed even though the Licensee is bound by all terms and conditions of the water licence, including the need to submit annual reports even though the water licence has expired and no activity has occurred on site.

- AANDC notes that decommissioning was conducted from September to October 2006 and completed in June 2007, after the licence had expired, on December 31, 2006.
- AANDC notes that the report provided does not include:
  - field records from the Engineer and the Transport Canada Officer supervising the Appurtenant Undertaking (Part B, Item 1, Point iii); and
  - data and information on whether hydrocarbon soils were encountered, and if so, what measures were taken.
- AANDC Field Operations Division notes that the site was not inspected when the work was completed. Today that stretch at the airport has been re-purposed by the government of Nunavut and is no longer in a state that it could be inspected for the work that was done at the time.

## **C. CONCLUSION**

AANDC recommends that licence 8BR-UTI0606 be cancelled even though several deficiencies are noted because the project is completed and poses no potential risk to water resources.