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Via: regular mail

Attention: Mr. Hugh Wilkins

**Subject: Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan, Term 3.5,
Review of Issues**

Dear Mr. Wilkins

Thank you for your letter regarding the involvement of the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) in the land use planning process as it relates specifically to uranium exploration and mining in the Baker Lake area.

By way of background, the NWB is an institution of public government (IPG) established under Article 13 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) with jurisdiction over the regulation, use and management of freshwater in the Nunavut Settlement Area. The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) is also an IPG established under the NLCA with authority over land use and land use planning in Nunavut. In accordance with NPC's jurisdiction, NPC is responsible for the development and implementation of the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (the Regional Plan).

With respect to the NWB's specific involvement in relation to Term 3.5 of the Regional Plan, in June 2007, the NWB's Executive Director and Chair attended a Uranium Mining Workshop hosted by NPC. At the Workshop, the NWB made a general presentation regarding the NWB's regulatory process in response to receiving a specific water use and waste disposal application, attended the presentations of the other participants and responded to NWB-specific questions from those in attendance. It is my understanding that after the Workshop, NPC determined that Term 3.5 of the Regional Plan was met.

If you have any questions regarding the NWB's role or involvement in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at dionne@nunavutwaterboard.org.

Yours truly,

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