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Re: Meliadine Project - NWB2MEL

On behalf of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), I have reviewed the renewal application submitted for the Meliadine Project. Based on the provisions of the current water licence and the mitigative measures outlined in the application submitted by WMC International, INAC does not have any significant water related concerns.

Although WMC has plans to sell its interest in the Meliadine project and has no immediate plans to reopen the camp, current licence conditions should remain in effect until a determination has been made on the status of the camp. If the site remains closed during the 2003 field season, a detailed Abandonment and Restoration Plan should be submitted for the approval of the Nunavut Water Board.

During the summer of 2002, our Water Resources Officer completed an inspection of the Meliadine camp. In general, the camp was in good condition; however, a concern was noted that the greywater sump drained approximately ten meters from the potable water intake. The Officer has suggested that the greywater sump be enlarged and that the proponent ensure that drainage is directed away from nearby waterbodies. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4548 or by e-mail at mcchristiem@inac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,
Original signed by:

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