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Ministère de l'Environnement

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via Email to: licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org

**RE: NWB FILE # 2BB-MRY0710 – BAFFINLAND IRON MINES CORP. –
OPEN BURNING**

Dear Ms. Beaulieu:

The Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment (DOE) has reviewed the request for open burning of clean wood from Baffinland Iron Mines Corp. for their bulk sampling project. Based on the DOE mandate under the *Environmental Protection Act*, DOE has the following comments to make.

Open Burning

The proponent on Mar. 28, 2008 requested permission for open burning of 500 m³ untreated ("clean") wood, and proposed that they would follow appropriate procedures similar to the DOE policy titled: *Municipal Solid Wastes Suitable for Open Burning*. On April 30, 2008, DOE communicated with the proponent about their open burning proposal, and it was unclear whether the wood to be openly burned is untreated. However, the proponent indicates that they will conduct the inventory again to ensure only clean untreated wood will be burned if the current proposal is to be carried out.

Consequently, DOE recommends that the proponent provides this new inventory information to all the relevant parties including NWB, and that the proponent commits to follow appropriate open burning procedures such as the one proposed previously by the proponent.

The DOE thanks the NWB for the opportunity to provide comments on the open burning request. Please contact us if you have further questions.

Yours sincerely,

Original signed by

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