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This letter has been written in reply to your July 25, 2003 letter.

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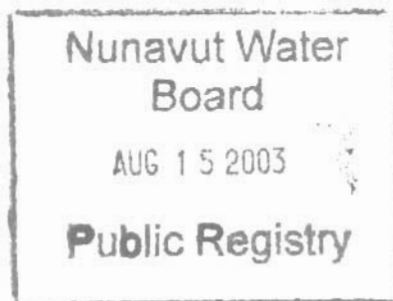


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August 15, 2003

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Dear Mr. Wall:

RE: APPLICATION NWB2ASH

The following is being written in response to your letter of July 25, 2003 requesting addition information. The information is being presented in the same order as your requests.

1. A project map clearly showing the location of all camps (both authorized and proposed) and fuel caches was couriered to the Gjoa Haven office of the Nunavut Water Board on April 15, 2003. All camps and fuel caches are symbolically indicated on this map. The map is clear and well illustrated, a new one will not be submitted. If the Nunavut Water Board is presently unable to handle commonly used map projections that differ from latitude and longitude, I suggest purchasing coordinate conversion software. All other permitting agencies and regulatory bodies are satisfied with the map provided.

At the time of the application (March 30, 2003) Ashton had two fuel caches beyond the RJ Camp. Both fuel caches were utilized in the five months following the submission of the application and no fuel currently exists at the locations. With respect to this request I would like additional information on the extent of Nunavut Water Board jurisdiction with respect to fuel caches. Does NWB jurisdiction extend to all fuel caches or only those stored proximally to water? How does this jurisdiction interact with the thresholds present in the Territorial Land Use Regulations administered and enforced by DIAND?

Table 1.0 entitled Important Coordinates provides the latitude and longitude coordinates you requested and respective notes on camp utilization.

Table 1.0
Important Coordinates
Latitude/Longitude (NAD 27 Canada)

Camp	Latitude	Longitude	Notes
Phantom Camp	67°12'37"	-112°51'29"	Established Camp
RJ Camp	66°43'46"	-113°02'46"	Established Camp
Eokuk Camp	67°24'09"	-112°57'49"	Authorized location but not used
James Camp	66°56'28"	-111°14'51"	Proposed new camp

Please note that a version of this table was included in the Spill Prevention and Response Plan that was sent to you on May 12, 2003.

- 2) Water utilized during summer drilling is approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ the amount used during the winter. As such Ashton anticipates the summer drilling requirements to be 15,000 litres during a single 24-hour period.

This is Ashton's 8th application to the Nunavut Water Board and the first time this request has been made. I would like to suggest modifying section seven of the application form to reflect the Nunavut Water Board's present information requirements to prevent unnecessary delays in the future.

Regards,

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