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Dear Mrs. Beaulieu,

The Department of Environment (DOE) thanks Nunavut Water Board for the opportunity to review the Brodeur project application for renewal of water license. Currently, DOE does not have any major concerns with the Brodeur project.

DOE notes that the project could encounter polar bear activity primarily near the coast, however also inland during the summer, along Jackson River. Therefore, the following is recommended:

Polar Bear Distribution

Many areas provide important denning and summer retreat habitat for polar bears. Prospectors working in all areas must be proficient with polar bear deterrence techniques and should reduce the possibility of attracting bears to their camps and work sites. Refer to the above noted publication for details on area sensitivities or protection measures. Further details on polar bear behaviour and disturbance mitigation/deterrence can be obtained from the Wildlife Officer in communities closest to the area of interest, or from Nunavut's Polar Bear Biologist (contact Wildlife Research Manager Mitch Taylor, 867-975-5970). All bear/human encounters should be reported to the nearest Wildlife Office.

Once again DOE thanks Nunavut Water Board for the opportunity to review this application.

Sincerely,
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