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## **APPENDIX 7b**

### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN – CHIDLIAK PROJECT**

A spill is classified as the discharge of petroleum products or other dangerous substances into the environment. Potential hazards created by the spill for humans, vegetation, water resources, fish and wildlife vary in severity, depending on several factors, including nature of the material, quantity spilled, location and season. Refer to the detailed *Spill Contingency Plan – Chidliak Project* for specific response information. The general emergency response to be followed in the event of a spill at the Chidliak Project, South Baffin Island, NU, is:

*Protect people* - prevent personnel from approaching the site and keep them at a distance sufficiently removed that they will not be injured by, or cause, a fire or explosion

*Identify the product and its source* - check container design, warning labels, markings, Material Safety Data Sheets, etc., to enable prompt and appropriate response.

*Stop the flow at the source* - reduce or terminate the flow of product without endangering anyone

*Assess the seriousness of the spill* - assess potential dangers of the spill to human health and safety, the aquatic environment, wildlife, ground water, vegetation and other land resources

*Report the spill* – complete a NU Spill Report Form and contact the NU 24-hour Spill Report Line. Provide information on the form and to the Environment Canada officer by phone/FAX, including location of spill, (company) name of polluter, type and amount of material spilled, date and time of the spill, any perceived threat to human health or the environment, and remedial actions taken and planned.

*Clean up the spill* - follow procedures appropriate for the location, environment, material and time of year.

*Evaluate and learn* – after the emergency has passed, evaluate the incident and the clean up with the goal of continuous improvement in prevention and response; train or re-train personnel and ensure a practice incident-and-response drill is held at least once per field season.

**24-Hour Spill Report Line: (867) 920-8130 or fax (867) 873-6924**

**Environment Canada Enforcement: 24-Hour Emergency Line: (867) 766-3737**

**Indian and Northern Affairs (INAC) Water Resources Officer**

**(Iqaluit): (867) 975-4298**

**INAC Lands Administrator (Iqaluit): (867) 975-4275**