



***INSPECTOR'S DIRECTION***  
**Pursuant to Section 87(1) of the Nunavut Waters  
And Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act**

**To:**

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**- Inspector's Direction -**

This letter of Direction ("Direction") shall supersede the Inspector's Direction issued on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to Uravan Mineral Inc ("Uravan").

I, Andrew Keim, a duly designated Inspector pursuant to subsection 85 (1) *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* ("Act") conducted a scheduled Water License Inspection on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in the area of Sand Lake, Nunavut. During the inspection of this area the Inspector noted the location of a cache of fuel drums (with Uravan – Garry Lake painted on the side) and construction materials placed by Uravan in 2008 at approximately (N65 17 28.3 x W99 32 14.3).

Upon arrival the Inspector found that 13 of 112 drums on site had leaked approximately 1000 L of fuel into the ground (field estimate) and that none of the barrels were within secondary containment. Further, that building materials were on site and wind blown garbage was noted in the area. It is known that this cache was initially placed without the required authorizations.

Uravan does not possess the required Water License necessary to undertake any use of water or the deposit of waste with respect to the site and cache. As a result of the August 10<sup>th</sup> inspection, several violations of the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act ("Occurrences") were observed by the Inspector.

More particularly, contrary to Section 12(1)(b) of the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act, Uravan, did without the authority of a license, deposit or permit the deposit of waste under conditions in which the waste, or any other waste that results from the deposit of that waste, may enter waters in Nunavut.

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the Water Resources Officer with the Nunavut Regional Office of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development ("INAC") issued a Record of Inspection Form to Mr. Ian Fraser, Senior Geologist, Uravan. This report noted the Inspector's observations and identified all non-compliance items referred to above.



On August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 an Inspector's Direction ("Direction") requiring the removal of all fuel barrels, construction materials and all other waste from the site as well as the complete remediation of the site was issued by the Water Resources Officer to Uravan. A compliance date of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 was set in the issued Direction.

On September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in e-mail correspondence Uravan provided information to INAC indicating that they had not complied with the issued Direction. Uravan indicated in its information that bad weather had prevented the contractor from accessing the site for 28 of 30 days.

In further e-mail correspondence received on October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009, Uravan indicated that as an alternative to the required removal of the fuel and building materials it installed secondary containment at the site for the majority of the barrels. In the same letter Uravan committed to remove the fuel barrels, building materials and all contaminated soils by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

The Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan approved in June of 2000 contains in Chapter 6, Part 2 under the heading Environmental Protection and Wildlife Conservation, Section (2.6) prohibiting development activities on all public lands and waters within caribou calving areas during the caribou calving season. Appendix H of this document further defines the prohibition of activities between May 15<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup> within the Caribou Protection Areas. The subject lands in question are within the Caribou Protection Area.

Subsection 12(1)(b) of the Act states: Except in accordance with the conditions of a License, no person shall deposit or permit the deposit of waste in any other place in Nunavut under conditions in which the waste, or any waste that results from the deposit of that waste, may enter waters in Nunavut.

*Therefore having a reasonable belief that the Occurrences have resulted, or may result, in waste continuing to be deposited in contravention of the Act, and pursuant to Section 87(1) of the Act, I hereby direct Uravan Minerals Inc. to take the following reasonable measures;*

- 1. By May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 remove all fuel barrels, construction materials and all other waste including garbage and contaminated soil from the site.*
- 2. By May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 remediate the site and return the site to its pre-existing condition free of contamination.*
- 3. By May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 submit a Report on Compliance (including photos) with the above directions by email to the undersigned.*

Failure to comply fully or in part with an **Inspector's Direction** constitutes an offence under subsection 90 (1) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*.



Further pursuant to subsection 90 (4) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, each day on which the **Inspector's Direction** is not complied with shall be considered a separate offence.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4289 or [Andrew.Keim@inac.gc.ca](mailto:Andrew.Keim@inac.gc.ca)

Andrew Keim

Inspector

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Inspector's Signature