



HOPE BAY JOINT VENTURE

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Re: Inspectors Directive at Windy Lake and Boston Camps:

Dear Mr. Fillatre:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 18th August, 2000 on the above captioned subject. Upon review of your letter and the observations made by Mr. DeGroot, we summarize our response as follows, which generally responds to Mr. DeGroot's recommendations..

Windy Lake Camp:

1. "Removing and containing contaminated soil in the burn pit"
2. "Removing and containing contaminated soil adjacent to the incinerator".
3. "Moving the incinerator to a distance at least 30 m above the high water mark".
4. "Fuel storage and waste disposal should not occur within 30 m of the high water mark of any waterbody".

Actions Taken:

1. The burn pit was cleaned up and the littoral zone re-contoured. Another location has been identified to burn scrap material.
2. The contaminated soil has been cleaned up. Some sandy material has been placed in the area. To clarify, we do not use waste oil as a fuel source in the incinerators. We use

diesel fuel, as it is a more efficient fuel source. We report and clean up any spills that occur and this practice will continue regardless of the incinerators location.

3. We are investigating possible alternative sites for the incinerator, however; the topographic restrictions of the area, limits the options.
4. Fuel storage areas are generally located well above the high water mark at Windy Lake. The use of 45 gallon drums is a standard practice for fuel supply for heating tents, especially in an exploration camp environment. Unfortunately, due to the topographic restrictions at the Windy lake camp, some of the 45 gallon fuel barrels do encroach on the 30 m restriction. Due to the management practices in place, the immediate reporting and response to spills, we do not see the current practice as posing any risk to the lake. We are investigating alternative ways of supplying fuel to the tents. This includes various options for containing any seeps or leaks from these barrels such as drip trays. We currently place enviro-mat (an absorbent material) in the area of the barrels to absorb any seeps that may occur.

Boston Camp:

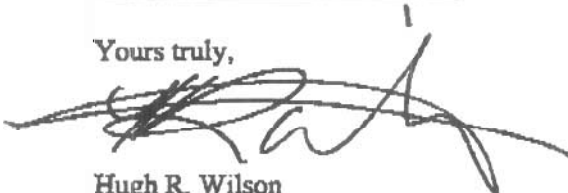
1. "The berm of the settling pond should be repaired immediately to prevent seepage

Actions Taken:

1. As discussed with Mr. DeGroot during his visit, we are investigating the use of the southern most pond as a possible solid waste disposal site. Once we have submitted our plans to the Nunavut Water Board, the concerns raised by Mr. DeGroot will be addressed. It should be mentioned however, that this pond was never intended to prevent seepage, but rather to retain solids. Again this will be addressed in the application to the Nunavut Water Board, when our plans to do so are formalized.

We hope the forgoing clarifies our position and should you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above numbers, my cell number 780-975-2550 or by e-mail on hugh_r_wilson@hotmail.com.

Yours truly,



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