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Your File: _____

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Mr. Ash,

Thank you for your correspondence of yesterday.

Mr. Hohnstein was quite correct in his advice that Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has this year assigned classes of licenses to the various inspectors. For future reference, the classes of licenses have been broken down as follows:

Melissa Joy	WRO	Exploration camps
Bryan Rayner	WRO	Major Projects
Andrew Keim	WRO	Municipalities, Dewline Sites, A&R Projects and Files with outstanding Non-compliance issues.

INAC's three RMO's (Resource Management Officers) will also be sharing the load this year by picking up files that the three WRO's are not able to get to during the season. It is the prerogative of our senior management to enhance use of our resources in this fashion.

I hope this brings some clarity to Mr. Honstein's comment.

I note in your response to the Inspection Report that you indicate on Page 1 Paragraph 4, as follows;

"The list of items stored at the camp site i.e. the three fuel drums, wooden structures, burn barrel, etc., as noted by the inspector in your recent letter is correct. The drums of fuel and noncombustible materials will be removed from site. The combustible non-treated wood products will be open burned on site."

I take from this that it is Aurora Energy's intention to burn the buildings left on site. If this is the case, I would remind Aurora Energy that this is contrary to the terms and conditions outlined in the now expired Water License.

In reference, I direct your attention to the following sections of the Water License 2BE-KAZ0609:

PART D: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO WASTE DISPOSAL

Section 2. No open burning or on-site land filling of domestic Waste is permitted unless otherwise approved by the Board.

Section 3. The licensee is authorized to incinerate all food waste, paper waste and wood products, and shall ensure that all hazardous wastes, waste oil and non-combustible waste generated through the course of the operations are back-hauled and disposed of in an approved Waste Disposal Site.



(Note that Amendment 1, to the now expired License included the term “NWB approved waste Disposal Site)

And,

PART H: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO ABANDONMENT AND RESTORATION

Section 1. The Licensee shall complete all restoration work prior to the expiry of this License (Term obviously not complied with)

Section 6. The Licensee shall remove from the site infrastructure and site materials, including but not limited to, all fuel caches, drums, barrels, buildings and contents, docks, water pumps and lines, material and equipment before the expiry of this license.

The foregoing sections are directly related to the last line of your correspondence. This practice (Open Burning) is prohibited, as noted in the above sections of the license and thus will be considered an offence under the Act if undertaken. If however, I have misinterpreted your intention in that section of your correspondence, I would ask for clarification as to your intentions.

In an effort to ensure compliance with the License and the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Right Tribunal Act, it is the recommendation of the Field Operations Section of INAC that:

- Aurora Energy apply to the Nunavut Water Board for an amendment to the currently expired license (including all outstanding and required reports , plans and other any documentation required or requested by the Nunavut Water Board) to allow for “Open Burning”.

If upon review of your application for amendment, the Nunavut Water Board wishes to make permissible in Nunavut, the practice of open burning of Camp Infrastructure upon completion or abandonment of an exploration program, then INAC will have no objections to your proceeding under those terms, as outlined in the amended License issued by the Nunavut Water Board.

If you have any questions or concerns related to this or any further matter please feel free to contact myself, or any member of the Field Operations Section here in Iqaluit.

Sincerely,

(original signed and filed this date)

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