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Phyllis Beaulieu
Nunavut Water Board
P. O. Box 119
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Dear Ms. Beaulieu:

Subject: Application for Amendment of Type B Water Licence – Areva Resources Kiggavik Project

Fisheries and Oceans Canada - Fish Habitat Management Program (DFO) appreciates the opportunity to participate in the review of the application for the amendment of the water licence for the above mentioned project proposal received on April 13, 2011. To expedite future correspondence or inquiries, please refer to the referral title and file number below when you contact us:

DFO File No.: **08-HCAA-CA7-00002**

Title: **Kiggavik Uranium Mine, Kivalliq Region, Nunavut**

The proposal has been reviewed to determine whether it is likely to result in impacts to fish and fish habitat which are prohibited by the habitat protection provisions of the *Fisheries Act* or those prohibitions of the *Species at Risk Act* that apply to aquatic species.*

We understand that the proponent plans to undertake exploration drilling within 30 metres of existing waterbodies and continue to drill when artesian flow is encountered.

Based on the information provided by the proponent for the water license application, DFO can provide the following comments:

- DFO can confirm that the proposed changes to exploration drilling procedures detailed in the Amendment Application for the Type “B” Water Licence can be

*Those sections most relevant to the review of development proposals include 20, 22, 32 and 35 of the *Fisheries Act* and sections 32, 33 and 58 of the *Species at Risk Act*. For more information please visit www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

covered by the DFO *Mineral Exploration Activities Operational Statement* which is found at the following website:

<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/regions/central/habitat/os-eo/provinces-territoires-territoires/nu/os-eo24-eng.htm>

I trust that the information provided will be of assistance to the Nunavut Water Board in its review of the application to amend the Water License for Areva Resources Canada Inc. Kiggavik Project.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lyndon Kivi at our Kenora office at (807) 467-8423, by fax at (807) 467-6973, or by email at Lyndon.Kivi@DFO-MPO.GC.CA.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Lyndon Kivi', with a stylized, flowing script.

Lyndon Kivi
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