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Sent by email to:

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Re: Changes to Licence Renewal Application of Nadluardjuk exploration camp

Dear Ms. Becker,

INAC's Water Resources Division has received the notice of change to BHP World Exploration's licence renewal application to include additional activities under the water licence for the exploration camp at Nadluardjuk lake.

We find that the additional activities (aerial electromagnetic surveys) proposed by the applicant will not have any additional significant effects on the local environment. The additional fuel for the airplane should be treated with the same care as all fuel on site. Other environmental concerns of INAC, including water use and waste issues, have already been dealt with in the camp's Land Use Permit #N2001C0020.

It should be noted, however, that due to the small scale and nature of the project there is not enough people or sufficient water use at the camp to justify the need for a water licence under the regulations of the *NWT Waters Act*.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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