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August 10, 2007

Phyllis Beaulieu Licensing Administrator Nunavut Water Board P.O. Box 119 Gjoa Haven, NU, X0A 1J0

Re: 2BE-SAN, Western Uranium Corporation - Sand Lake Project - Uranium Exploration Plan

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) reviewed of the Western Uranium Corporation's Exploration Plan for the Sand Lake Project submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). In conducting our review INAC has made reference to all documents on the Nunavut Water Board's FTP-site under 2BE-SAN.

Figure 4, Camp Location suggests the location of dangerous good is North of Sand Lake. INAC suggests the NWB require the proponent to observe the minimum thirty (30) meters set back from water for all infrastructure.

Section 19, Drilling Information of the Exploration Remote Camp Supplementary Questionnaire. INAC suggests, for the drilling operations on ice, the proponent should ensure that all drill cuttings are placed in drill holes, sumps, or removed from the project area for appropriate treatment. All sumps shall be backfilled and contoured, prior to the end of the project's field season, to prevent precipitation from collecting on the surface.

A copy of the Fuel Management and Spill Contingency Plan and spill kits should be located at all fuel sites, even temporary locations, i.e. drill sites.

Section 5.0, Response Action, of the Spill Contingency Plan should make reference to the Nunavut Spill Report Line and provide a copy of the Nunavut Spill Report Form in the project's Spill Contingency Plan. This form can be retrieved from the Nunavut Water Bard public registry at http://nunavutwaterboard.org. Please note that the 24-hour Spill Report Line telephone number is (867) 920-8130 and facsimile number is (867) 873-6924. Furthermore, INAC requests the proponent report all spills to both Nunavut Spill Report Line and Peter Kusugak, INAC Manager of Filed Operations, phone:867-975-4295, fax 867-975-4560.

To assist data collection, the Nunavut Water Board should ask the company to inform the NWB in its annual report if and the depth that the drill penetrated below the permafrost. This information will assist federal agencies in identifying permafrost depths.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4738 or by email at <u>CullA@ainc-ianc.gc.ca.</u>

Sincerely,

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