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Department of
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Ministère de la Culture, de la Langue,
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Richard Dwyer
Nunavut Water Board
P.O. Box 119
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Re: Nunavut Water Board Licence 2BE-ST0, New application Type B, Storm Project (Commander Resources); Date of request:

June 14, 2010

Dear Richard Dwyer

The Government of Nunavut (CLEY) has reviewed the material for a new licence application of Commander Resources to use water, as well as for waste disposal into water, from exploration activity.

The department does not object to the application. The information supplied by the proponent for the Storm Project is substantial, including the drilling, quantity of water, a fuel spill contingency plan, among other details. However, we are concerned about the limited information about archaeology and paleontology in the subject area.

The only known archeological site is nine km. west of the proponent's camp and fuel cache; and on the shoreline of Aston Basin. The proponent's application included that conventional baseline data would be collected as part of its program. Under, its socio-economic environment heading it includes: *any archaeological sites discovered will be noted and passed on to the appropriate regulatory authorities.* Instead, the department urges that the proponent arrange for a professional assessment and survey of the exploration area; and, to assess the potential impacts of the project on possible archaeology and paleontology. Towards this end, Culture; Language, Elders and Youth would be pleased to provide the proponent a list of archaeology consultants.

All archaeological sites in Nunavut are protected by law and the proponent must understand that it is their responsibility to ensure no sites are disturbed in the course of activities. Should any additional sites or artifacts be encountered beyond what was recommended, the proponent must contact the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth.

Sincerely,

Edward Atkinson, for

Douglas R. Stenton, PhD
Director, Culture and Heritage
Culture, Language, Elders and Youth