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Dear Mr. England

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) Water Resource Officers, Field Operations is currently undertaking a review to update files related to enforcement and compliance of municipal water licences in Nunavut.

The focus of this review includes administrative requirements as well as requirements to conduct water sampling and other field work related to the water licence authorization.

This review will be conducted in two parts; the first will be the administrative review of your water licence. The second part of the review will include a municipal site visit to meet with you and your support staff to discuss the water licence requirements. At this time AANDC Inspectors will provide you an opportunity to tell us about the Hamlet operation successes and challenges while implementing your water licence requirements. A final 'close out' meeting will result and the AANDC Inspector will provide you with a summary of the observations from the site inspection and provide you the opportunity to discuss any issues as well as timelines to meet any compliance issues identified before leaving the Hamlet

Municipal Water Compliance Working Group

AANDC has recently begun working with GN-CGS towards changes to the landfill operations within Nunavut including the creation of the Municipal Water Compliance Working Group through partnerships and support from Municipal, Government of Nunavut and Federal Government involvement. AANDC believes that this approach will help all municipalities work towards a Nunavut Territorial strategy to address solid waste management.

Determination for outstanding compliance issues

It has been determined by AANDC that any relevant items not mentioned in this document as 'outstanding items' that were not submitted as required in a water licence, compliance requirements from previous inspections reports, or items mentioned in the 'multi-year municipal compliance summary' have either been fulfilled or are being fulfilled through your active participation in the Municipal Water Licence Compliance Working Group initiative which includes Municipal, Government of Nunavut and Federal Government representative involvement. AANDC further recognizes that additional outstanding items will be addressed through your current water licence renewal/amendment with the Nunavut Water Board (NWB).



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To this end, AANDC has determined that it is not in the public interest to pursue further action beyond the items initiated through the Municipal Water Licence Compliance Working Group and the items listed below or items that may be detected in future inspections.

Outstanding Items

AANDC requests that the following requirements are met and will be verified during the 2015 municipal inspection season:

1. It is recommended that the licensee contact the Government of Nunavut (GN), Department of Environment for further guidance on the process of 'farming' soil within a land farm so that soils can be actively managed and discharged when they meet GN guidelines. This will ensure that any land farm will be able to meet any future capacity requirements and also minimize any potential environmental liability.
2. The licensee is reminded to continue to work towards meeting the requirement of renewing the municipal water licence as required by the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*.
3. A follow-up inspection will be conducted within the Hamlet of Arviat in the 2015 season by the regional AANDC Inspectors to ensure any potential risks or issues are identified and provided to the Licensee to address in the form of a water licence inspection report.

Sincerely,

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