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## Fwd: Potential Issues of Public Concern -- Rankin Inlet Municipal Water Supply

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Wed, Dec 4, 2013 at 9:19 AM

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Cc: David Hohnstein <david.hohnstein@nwb-oen.ca>, Karén Kharatyan <karen.kharatyan@nwb-oen.ca>

Hi all,

Given:

- i) the message below from Teresa
- ii) our recent small turn-out in Baker Lake for MEA
- iii) the concerns that our Panel members seem to anticipate from the public on this file
- iv) the fact that our Board has recently expressed concern regarding attendance levels and that this happens to be held in the community of one of the Board members who was particularly concerned about attendance

I hope that we will do all that we can to ensure that our advertising for this event will be effective. Among other things, may I suggest an ad in multiple newspapers - including, Kivalliq News.

Damien

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From: **Teresa Meadows** <legal@nwb-oen.ca>

Date: Tue, Dec 3, 2013 at 8:11 PM

Subject: Potential Issues of Public Concern -- Rankin Inlet Municipal Water Supply

To: Damien Côté <damien.cote@nwb-oen.ca>, [Craig@shoresjardine.com](mailto:Craig@shoresjardine.com)

Dear Damien and Craig,

Today during the Technical Meetings for the NIRB review of the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Meliadine Gold Mine project, the president of the local Hunters' and Trappers' Organization had this to say about water quality issues:

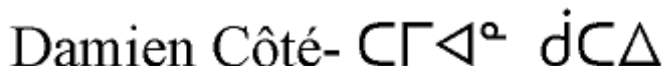
"Rankin Inlet has the second highest rate of cancer in Nunavut (GN didn't seem to know whether this is in fact true) -- and many of the elders in the community attribute this to drinking the water supplied by the Hamlet...we (as in the elders and older community members) think this is because of the addition of chlorine and fluoride to our drinking water--in our view adding these chemicals is like adding gasoline to our water--it is unnatural and is likely killing us. I personally have lost 5 members of my family to cancer in the past two years alone."

At which point he was somewhat overcome.

When gently asked whether he was seeking a specific commitment from the proponent or wished to offer a comment on AEM's Draft EIS with respect to water quality, he indicated that he "just wanted to get this concern on the record because for the past few years he has not seen the Water Board or Environment Canada or Health Canada or the GN in the community doing anything to address the serious concerns the community has about these issues and he wanted NIRB to pass along these concerns to these agencies."

As the Technical Meetings today didn't have any members of the public in attendance it is hard to tell whether these sentiments are widespread in the community, but if it is a widely held belief, the NIRB will undoubtedly hear more about this next week during the community roundtable evening sessions at the PHC and I will let you know if this theme arises again. I just thought it may be helpful to have the heads up on this when you're preparing for the TM in January.

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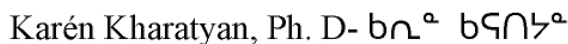
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Robin, I believe we are publishing the newspaper ad in Kivalliq News?



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The PH-TMC Notice will be published in the Kivalliq News and the Nunatsiag News.

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