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<u>Re</u>: Completeness Check for a New Type "A" Water License – Rankin Inlet, 3AM-GRA

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned application. The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

The Hamlet of Rankin Inlet (Hamlet) is applying to renew their expired Type B (3BM-GRA0207) water licence for the water supply facilities. The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) identified that the water license application would be for a Type A License. The NWB is asking interested parties to review the application and provide comments with respect to the completeness of the application.

Environment Canada has reviewed the documents provided with this water license application and it is EC's opinion that the application appears to be complete. Rankin Inlet has proposed to conduct additional studies with respect to the water supply (Nipissar Lake) level. EC recommends that the Hamlet submit a timeline of when these studies will be completed to the NWB. EC looks forward to reviewing these studies when they are made available, and in participating in the technical review of this application.

If you have any questions regarding the foregoing please contact Environment Canada via email at EC.EA.NU@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

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