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Re: CGS-Rankin Inlet Water Licence No. 3AM-GRA1015 Response to Completeness Check and Initial Technical Review Comments

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

Please see below for a response to the comments provided by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) and Environment Canada (EC) to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for the completeness check and initial technical review of Water Licence No. 3AM-GRA1015 (the Licence) held by Government of Nunavut, Community and Government Services (GN-CGS) for the Rankin Inlet Water and Sewage Utilidor.

Licence Term: Response to AANDC Comment #1 & EC Comment #4

1. As both AANDC and EC have expressed concern over the requested 25 year licence term, GN-CGS accepts the suggestion of an 8 year term included in the comments of both parties. A revised Application for Water Licence Renewal is submitted to the NWB with this letter, with changes to *Section 25: Proposed Term of the Licence* only. Subsequent discussion and/or submissions will therefore address the timeline of an 8 year renewal term until 2023.



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Monitoring Program Station GRA-3, effluent discharge from the Sewage Treatment Facility, will be sampled quarterly and analyzed for the parameters outline in Part H, Item 4 of the Licence. These effluent quality results will be available for review in the Quarterly and Annual Reports. This historical effluent quality data will also be useful for any future sewage treatment design.

3. During the Technical Meeting/Pre-Hearing Conference (TM/PHC) and the Public Hearing held for Amendment No. 1 to the Licence, community concern was raised over the possible presence of hydrocarbons in Lower Landing Lake. GN-CGS provided water quality analysis of Char River and Lower Landing Lake which confirmed there are no hydrocarbons present. As per Part H, Item 14 of Amendment No. 1, Nipissar Lake, Char River and Lower Landing Lake will be sampled annually for Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons and BTEX to confirm there continues to be no hydrocarbons present in the drinking water sources.

If AANDC has knowledge of a source of hydrocarbon contamination or industrial activity at Lower Landing Lake beyond the statements made by community members during the TM/PHC and the Public Hearing, GN-CGS respectfully requests AANDC to provide reference to this information so that GN-CGS can investigate and respond accordingly.





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Monitoring and Compliance: Response to AANDC Comments #3 and 7 & EC Comment #7

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