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via email at: licensing@nwb-oen.ca

Robert Hunter
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Dear Robert Hunter:

RE: 3AM-IGL2131 – Igloolik Water License – 2024 Annual Report Reviewed

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has reviewed the information submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) by the Hamlet of Igloolik regarding the above-mentioned 2024 Annual Report for their water license.

ECCC provides expert information and knowledge to project assessments on subjects within the department's mandate, including climate change, air quality, water quality, biodiversity, environmental emergencies preparedness and responses. This work includes reviewing proponent characterization of environmental effects and proposed mitigation measures. We provide advice to decision-makers regarding a proponent's characterization of environmental effects, the efficacy of their proposed mitigation activities, and may suggest additional mitigation measures. Any comments received from ECCC in this context does not relieve the proponent of its obligations to respect all applicable federal legislation.

The following comments are provided:

1. Topic: No sampling in 2024

Reference(s)

- 2024 Annual Report for the municipality of Igloolik (Hamlet of Igloolik; March 31, 2025)
 - Section X: Additional information that the licensee deems useful



Comment

The Annual Report states: “No modifications to the Monitoring Program; however, no sampling was done in 2024.” No justification was found as to why no monitoring program sampling occurred. Monitoring is a requirement under the water licence and steps should be taken to ensure sampling will be done in 2025. Sampling results help confirm that water management measures are working correctly to protect the aquatic receiving environment.

ECCC Recommendation

ECCC recommends the Proponent:

- Explain why no sampling under the monitoring program was done in 2024; and
- Discuss measures put in place to ensure sampling occurs in 2025 and in future years.

If you need more information, please contact Jessica Kassir at 867-222-2036 or Jessica.Kassar@ec.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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cc: Eva Walker, Head, Environmental Assessment North (NT and NU)