

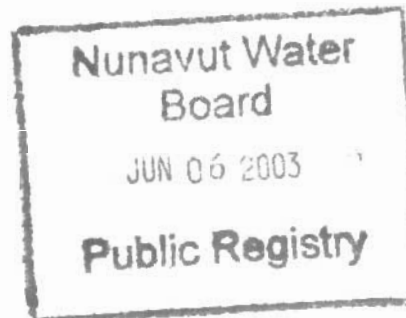
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May 30, 2003

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Dear Mr. Stephens:

Re: Application for Land Use Permit for renewal of Contaminated soils, Iqaluit

Thank you for your application, received on May 23, 2003. As you already know, the Background and Project Description are as follows:

BACKGROUND:

DIAND has administration and control of Lot 541 in Iqaluit. The Lot is adjacent to the existing hospital in Iqaluit and is outlined in red on the attached map. The Government of Nunavut (GN) has applied for administration and control of the lot as they require the lot to consolidate in to a larger parcel for construction of the new Baffin regional hospital. Up to the mid 1980's DIAND reserved the parcel to Transport Canada for use as a bulk fuel storage site. Transport Canada leased the tank to Shell Canada until the tank was removed in 1986. Upon removal of the tank Transport Canada surrendered their reserve. A phrase 1 environmental assessment identified possible petroleum contamination on the lot. A subsequent phase 2 and phase 3 EA confirmed substantial petroleum contamination and several options for remediation were identified.

PROJECT:

DIAND expects to remediate the lot only to the standards associated with the land use "parking and access". DIAND plans to remove up to 4000 cubic meters of hydrocarbon contaminated soil

and remediate the soil at one of two possible soil remediation facilities in Iqaluit. The first possible remediation facility is owned and operated by Nunatta Environmental Services of Iqaluit. The second possible remediation facility is on the Iqaluit airport property and is operated by Transport Canada for the Government of Nunavut. The contaminated soil will be excavated, loaded aboard dump trucks and trucked to one of the two remediation facilities. Once contaminated soil is removed from the lot DIAND will ask PWGSC to confirm that is remediated to the standards required for land to be used for parking and access and then proceed to request order in council to transfer administration and control of Lot 541 to the Commissioner.

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) proposes to screen this project for either of two reasons, and recognizing that the project proposal fits inside of a municipality. As you know, Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), subsection 3, states the exemptions.

All construction, operation and maintenance of all buildings and services within an established municipality, except for bulk storage of fuel, power generation with nuclear fuels, or hydro power and any industrial activity.

The Board feels the exemption in this case does not apply, because, firstly, the removal of contaminated soils falls more within an industrial activity than a service. In the alternative, the project proposal is required as a consequence of prior bulk storage of fuels. Accordingly, and pursuant to Part 4 of Article 12, the Board is screening this project proposal and sending this Application to the Distribution List for written comments, the results of which may be any of the options in section 12.4.4 of Article 12.

Sincerely,



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