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Dear Mr. diPizzo:

RE: Notice of Hearing - Application for a Municipal Water License for the City of Iqaluit

Thank-you for your letter dated April 11, 2005 providing notice of the technical meeting, pre-hearing conference, and final public hearing for the City of Iqaluit Municipal Water License application. The letter states that while some of the information requested by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) is still outstanding, the NWB finds the application to be sufficiently complete to proceed to a full final public hearing. Consequently, the NWB has set the dates for the technical meeting and pre-hearing conference as May 12, 2005, with the final public hearing being held on July 4-5, 2005.

Environment Canada (EC) has serious concerns with proceeding to the technical review and public hearings in the absence of all of the required information. While numerous documents remain outstanding, EC is particularly concerned with the absence of those items identified as significant issues requiring attention at the September 3, 2004 pre-hearing conference. These items include:

- A management framework for the sludge produced by the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP);
- A revised version, or a table of contents for a revised version of the Operation and Maintenance Manual for the Solid Waste Management Facility; and
- A detailed discussion of contingency measures to be implemented in the event that the WWTP is not commissioned into full operation as scheduled, including a strategy for the ongoing operation of the current sewage lagoon.

Given that critical information has not been submitted, EC respectfully suggests that proceeding to a full technical review and public hearing at this point in time may be premature. In the absence of all of the required information, it is doubtful that resolutions can be reached regarding technical issues, which could result in license conditions based on incomplete information. However, if the NWB decides to continue with the proceedings at this juncture, EC requests guidance regarding how the review of these outstanding documents will be incorporated into the licensing process.



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In regards to the review timelines established for the technical review, the NWB has established a 30-day review period between the notice of public hearings and the technical meeting and pre-hearing conference. Given this relatively short time period, EC would like to inform the NWB that a translated version of our submission for the technical meeting and pre-hearing conference will not be provided in advance of the meetings. Further, in the event that a full technical review of all of the documents cannot be completed, EC reserves the right to raise additional comments and issues at the final hearing.

Environment Canada looks forward to continuing to work with the NWB and the City of Iqaluit to ensure a fair and consistent process for all parties. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4639, or by email at colette.spagnuolo@ec.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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