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Dear P. di Pizzo:

Re: INAC Intervention, City of Iqaluit Water Licence Application

Thank you for providing INAC with an opportunity to review and provide comments on the city of Iqaluit's application for a Type A water licence.

The Department's review focused on those issues within INAC's mandate under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunals Act*; particularly disturbance of the ground surface and the permafrost, water quality and quantity, public safety and abandonment and reclamation cost estimates.

As agreed during the January 17, 2006 pre-hearing conference call, the scope of INAC's submission includes:

- the drinking water supply, including the raising of the level in Lake Geraldine;
- the waste water treatment and disposal, including the rehabilitation of the existing lagoon and the disposal of sludge; and
- the operation and expansion of the existing solid waste storage site.

The pre-hearing agreed that water licencing of the existing gravel source and former metal dump, also referred to as the North 40 would not be included in the Type A licence hearing. This submission mentions concerns with the North 40 but does not include extensive comments.

Although the city of Iqaluit's application still has some inconsistencies and omissions, INAC believes that the issues identified in our submission can be addressed through the terms and conditions of the water licence. INAC is also confident that the city of Iqaluit will be able to operate its water supply, waste water treatment and solid waste storage site in an environmentally-sound manner. However, INAC reserves the right to identify, during the final hearing, any omissions in the licence application that we may have overlooked in our review and/or additional questions that may arise as a result of ongoing discussions.

Jim Rogers
Manager of Water Resources