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June 30, 2004

Re: Leachate problems at the City of Iqaluit Landfill.

Dear Mr. Sokach;

As identified in the Water Licence Inspection Report delivered to the City of Iqaluit on March 11, 2004 there are significant problems with ponding in the Iqaluit Landfill (figure 1). Since the spring melt which began in May, leachate from the landfill has been flowing over the top of the berm on the south west side of the landfill (figure 2), potentially carrying contaminants out of the landfill and into Koojessie Inlet. In allowing leachate to flow freely out of the Landfill, the City of Iqaluit is in contravention of the Nunavut Waters Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act. The City of Iqaluit needs to control precipitation and runoff entering the Landfill to prevent the transport of contaminants off site. The City has suggested that the leachate problems at the landfill will be addressed in the summer of 2004. If the problem is not addressed, further enforcement action will be necessary.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me.

Sincerely,

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- Environment Canada - Iqaluit (Sid Bruinsma)
- Environment Canada - Yellowknife (Anne Wilson)
- Fisheries and Oceans - Iqaluit (Keith Pelley)



Figure 1. Ponding visible in the Iqaluit Landfill in May 2004.



Figure 2. Landfill leachate visible flowing out of the Iqaluit Landfill in May 2004.