



January 29, 2016

Karén Kharatyan
Manager of Licencing
Nunavut Water Board
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Re: A Summary of Compliance with the INAC Inspector's Direction, City of Iqaluit

Dear Mr. Kharatyan,

During the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference for the renewal of the City of Iqaluit's Water Licence on January 13 and 14th, the Nunavut Water Board requested that Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) provide information about City of Iqaluit's compliance with the INAC Inspector's Direction, issued March 5, 2013.

In a letter dated November 3, 2014, CC'd to the Nunavut Water Board, Robert Savard, a former Water Resource Officer outlined that INAC Field Operations:

*is satisfied that the City of Iqaluit is meeting the requirements [of the direction] showing reasonable progress towards attaining a valid water licence and also recognizes that actions were taken to address clauses of the AANDC Inspector's Direction [see **Table 1**].*

Table 1: Actions taken by City of Iqaluit to address clauses of AANDC Inspector's Direction

Compliance Items	Date Submitted
Plan for coming into compliance	Submitted July 3, 2013
2007, 2008 Annual Reports	Submitted August 30, 2013
Water Balance Report with Assessment of Recharge Needs	Submitted August 30, 2013
QA/QC Plan	Submitted August 30, 2013
Monthly General Monitoring Reports from 2012 Monitoring Program	Submitted August 30, 2013
Annual General Monitoring Report for 2012 Monitoring Program	Submitted August 30, 2013
Iqaluit Waste Project: a) Solid Waste Management Plan b) Updated Operation and Maintenance Manual for West 40 Landfill c) Abandonment and Restoration Plan for the West 40 Landfill	Submitted January 31, 2014
Install Outdoor Monitoring Program Station Signs	Completed Summer 2013

Furthermore, a *Letter of Non-Compliance* was issued towards the City of Iqaluit on November 3, 2014 pursuant to Section 90 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* for contravening *Section 11(1)*, namely, using waters for a municipal undertaking without a water use license as prescribed in Schedule 2 of the *Nunavut Waters Regulations*. Also, as part of this *Letter of Non-Compliance*, the City of Iqaluit is required to continue to show diligence in achieving the milestones set in **Table 2** that the City has set in collaboration with INAC Field Operations and Environment Canada at a Quarterly Update Meeting held on October 21, 2014.



As of today, INAC Field Operations continues to be satisfied that the City is showing reasonable progress towards attaining a valid water license and meeting objectives in **Table 2**. The City of Iqaluit has achieved a number of milestones including completing a Feasibility Study and choosing a preferred upgrade option for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Minor issues have occurred since October 21, 2014 whereas the City has run into some financial constraints. To address this, a Funding Plan was developed by the City to continue progress on the completion of the project while determining different funding sources. INAC Field Operations continues to monitor the City of Iqaluit's progress towards achieving these milestones and meets with the City quarterly to ensure compliance. The next quarterly meeting between INAC Field Operations and Environment Canada has not been set but is required to happen before March 31, 2015.

Table 2: Progress towards to achieving Milestones from October 21, 2014 Meeting

Milestone	Timeline set on October 21, Meeting	Progress
Issue RFP for Feasibility Study	November – December 2014	Completed
Award Consultant Contract	January 2015	Completed January 27, 2015
Feasibility Study	April 2015	Completed May 1, 2015
Preferred Upgrade Option Selected by Council	May 2015	Completed June 1, 2015
Complete Funding Plan	N/A	Additional Milestone set at a Quarterly Meeting after October 2014
Issue RFP for Design of Upgrades	June – July 2015	Amended to February 2016
Design of Upgrades Complete	January 2016	Amended to July 2016
Tender for Construction	February – March 2016	Amended to July – August 2016
Award of construction Contract	April 2016	Amended to September 1, 2016
Mobilization of Materials	July – August 2016	Amended July – August 2017
Construction	September 2016-September 2018	Amended September 2017 – December 2018
Commissioning of Upgraded Facility	September – December 2018	
Upgraded Plant Operational	December 2018	
Install screen on water intake pipe at Lake Geraldine Dam	2014-2018	Amended to Summer 2016

If you have any questions, please contact Justin Hack (Water Resource Officer) at 867-975-4517 or Justin.hack@aandc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Justin Hack



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