

2000 Compliance Report Town of Iqaluit

Introduction

The Northwest Territories Water Board issued, on January 1, 1996, licence N5L3-0087 (renewal of licence N5L4-0087) allowing the Town of Iqaluit water use and waste disposal associated with municipal undertakings. The said licence was initially scheduled to expire on December 31, 1998, but an extension of the deadline was requested by the Licensee; the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) eventually granted the Town of Iqaluit until June 30, 1999 to submit a renewal application. Subsequently, the NWB prolonged the term of Water Licence N5L3-0087 until such time as its review of the application was completed.

On December 15, 1999, the NWB assigned Water Licence NWB3IQA9900 to the Town of Iqaluit. However, the *Northwest Territories Waters Regulations* licensing criteria for municipal undertakings identify the Town of Iqaluit operations as those befitting a Type "A" licence. As Subsection 14(6)a of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act* states that the NWB may only issue such a licence with the approval of the Minister, no Water Licence previously or currently assigned to the Town of Iqaluit can consequently be considered valid at this time.

Therefore, in the absence of a binding Water Licence, the present compliance report was conducted under the terms and conditions of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act* itself.

Compliance

Subsections 8(1) and 9(1) reveal that a licence is required for municipal water uses and waste disposals comparable to those undertaken by the Town of Iqaluit. Thus, it appears that the Town of Iqaluit has, strictly speaking, so far been in non-compliance of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act* during the year 2000. Nevertheless, the Town of Iqaluit submitted a Water Licence renewal application, in accordance to Subsection 16(1), on March 1, 1999, and has since been awaiting due licence issuance. As such, it is the belief of the Inspector that the Town of Iqaluit cannot be held responsible for its failure to hold a valid Water Licence during the period presently under review.

Further information regarding the status of the Town of Iqaluit's water use and waste disposal undertakings is contained within the separate cover of the August 21, 2000 Municipal Water Use Inspection, conducted according to Subsection 36(1) of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*.

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