Executive Summary for the Water Licence Amendment Application

Licensee: Department of National Defence – 1 Canadian Air Division

Licence: 3BC-ALT1015 Type "B"

Location: Canadian Forces Station (CFS) Alert, Ellesmere Island,

Qikiqtani Region, Nunavut.

Submitted: Department of National Defence – 31 March 2014

An amendment application for the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) licence number 3BC-ALT1015 at CFS Alert from the Department of National Defence (DND) is enclosed. This application contains a completed Supplemental Information Guideline for Landfarms with other supporting documents.

Two amendments are proposed within this application because:

- 1. a modification to the Waste Disposal System was completed in 2013 that included the construction of a new Land Farm Treatment Facility at ALT-10; and
- 2. water use monitoring at ALT-1 has revealed a higher actual water usage amount than permitted by the licence.

Amendment #1 – New Landfarm Facility (ALT-10)

A new landfarm treatment facility was constructed during the summer of 2013 at the Day Tank Fuel Farm (Lat: N 82°29'58.0"; Long: W 62°21'16.0"). The landfarm dimensions are 13 m by 29.5 m with a capacity of 500 m³. The intended purpose of the landfarm is to remediate hydrocarbon impacted soils. The final record drawings, stamped by a Professional Engineer, are attached in this application. DND would like to request NWB recognition and addition of this landfarm facility as "ALT-10 Landfarm" for the Surveillance Network Program (SNP). The effluent discharge criteria and conditions proposed are identical to those of the existing Landfarm Facility at ALT-11 (3BC-ALT1015 Part D, Items 11, 12, 13, and 14; Part J, Items 7, 8, and 9).

Amendment #2 – Water Use

As identified in the Water Use Inspection visit on July 10th 2013 by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Affairs Canada (AANDC), the water usage amount at CFS Alert is above the licence limit of 185 m³/day. The actual average metered usage amount is 639 m³/day, which includes the actual average return flow amount of 497 m³/day. The actual average consumption amount by CFS Alert is 143 m³/day. These values are actual observations based on flow meter results. In previous years, DND calculated usage as the difference between intake and return amounts, as rationalized in the formula: Usage = Intake amount at source – Return amount at source. DND would like to propose increasing the following amounts to maintain a maximum potential Station consumption of 185 m³/day:

- a. Increase the water use limit to 700 m³/day;
- b. Increase the return water amount to 515 m³/day.