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Ministère de la Culture, de la Langue,
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Richard Dwyer
Nunavut Water Board
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**Re: Nunavut Water Board Licence 3BC-FRA, Renewal, Type A, Paleoclimatic Reconstruction
(Centre-Eau Terre Environnement)**

Date of request: **June 14, 2010**

Dear Richard Dwyer

The Government of Nunavut (CLEY) has reviewed the material for an initial licence of *Centre-Eau Terre Environnement* to use water or deposit of waste into water.

The department does not object to the application. However, we are concerned because of potential threats posed to the proximity of known archaeological and palaeontological sites near the location for the camp and research site. The nearest archaeological site is six km from the campsite. Also, there are approximately 420 different palaeontological features in an area 22 km west of the camp and research station. Accordingly, we recommend that an assessment of the potential impacts the proponent's project on the site be completed.

All archaeological and palaeontological sites in Nunavut are protected by law and the proponent must understand that it is their responsibility to ensure no sites are disturbed in the course of activities. Should any additional sites or artifacts be encountered, the proponent must contact the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth.

Sincerely,

Edward Atkinson, for

Douglas R. Stenton, PhD
Director, Culture and Heritage
Culture, Language, Elders and Youth
Government of Nunavut