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**Re: 3BC-MBA0919 – Revised Spill Contingency Plan – Meighen, Melville,
Agassiz and Devon Ice Caps Projects- Geological Survey of Canada
– David Burgess**

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has reviewed the revised spill contingency plan for water license # 3BC-MBA0919 submitted by David Burgess (Geological Survey of Canada) The NWB circulated the revised spill contingency plan for comments on April 19, 2011. All documents related to the application posted on the NWB ftp site under 3BC-MBA0919 were included in my review (See attached Technical Review Memo).

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact either myself at (867) 975-4282 or by email at Ian.Parsons@inac.gc.ca. Or Eva Paul at (867) 975-4568 or by email at Eva.Paul@inac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Cc. Jim Rogers, Manager of Water Resources – Indian and Northern Affairs
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Technical Review Memorandum

To: Phyllis Beaulieu – Manager of Licensing, Nunavut Water Board

From: Ian Parsons – Regional Coordinator, Indian & Northern Affairs Canada.
Eva Paul – Water Resources Technician, Indian & Northern Affairs Canada.

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Background

The Meighen, Melville, Agassiz and Devon Ice Caps Project (Ice Caps Project) has four distinct camp locations, one on each of the above listed Ice Caps, except for the Melville camp location which is located adjacent to, but off the Ice Cap. All work is to take place in April/May of any given year of the water license over the next 8 years.

Recommendations/Comments

INAC recommends and encourages that all fuel be contained in some sort of secondary containment (i.e., insta-berms), even though snow has natural absorbent qualities INAC **does not** encourage or recommend the use of snow as a method of secondary containment. INAC also encourages and recommends the use of drip pans when refuelling.

INAC also recommends that the applicant/proponent include in its spill kit some absorbent pads and /or materials and spill kits be located at each camp.

INAC notes that the correct contact information for INAC in the Spill Plan should be stated as follows: Peter Kusugak – INAC Manager of Field Operations, phone: 867-975-4295, fax 867 975-6445.

The Nunavut Water Board should request the outstanding information, referred to above, before the camps are activated this year.

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