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Subject: GEM Uranium Notification of planned changes in NWB, NIRB and AANDC permits and licenses - sale and

transfers of fuel caches

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Attachments: <u>FuelCache+FlyCampSitesNE-Thelon20110923.doc</u>

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Dear Nunavut Land Use Licensing Agencies:

NRI # 0301809N-M NWB # 3BC-NTC1012 INAC LUP# N2010N0013

The attached table, map and report update the status of fuel caches, fly camp sites and research the GEM Uranium Project has completed.

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The Amer Lake cache is on Inuit Owned Land, covered by KIA permit # KVL109B392; I have sent a separate notice to Veronica Tattuinee regarding proposed sale of that cache.

I am now working with John Holland (also Natural Resources Canada) on a process to sell the 17 full drums and the berm at the Arrowhead cache as Crown Assets so that the buyer takes on full responsibility for site management and clean-up, there is no gap in permitting, and NRCan has no ongoing liability. We expect the sale process to take at least 2-3 months, but before posting the notice of intent to sell we would like to include the appropriate words in the notice so that both NRCan and the buyer meet all Nunavut licensing requirements.

I ask your advice on how to ensure that the buyer of the fuel is properly permitted before the sale is finalized.

In addition, the GEM Uranium project has completed its field work in the Northeast Thelon River area, and we have no further field plans except to analyze, interpret, write up and report our results to the communities in the spring. We are planning one-day workshop / open house events at Baker Lake, Chesterfield Inlet and Rankin Inlet at convenient times for the communities. We will also make presentations at the Nunavut Mining Symposium and ensure that Kivalliq Inuit Association and Arctic College have full access to our geodatabase. One of our associated research leaders, Dr. Brigitte Leblon at the University of New Brunswick, has contacted Arctic College regarding our remote sensing imagery and related training opportunities.

The GEM Program continues on other fronts however, and some of GSC's staff will be involved in new GEM projects that will use the fuel at the Sahara and Tehery Lake caches. We ask your advice as to whether new permits are required for these two fuel caches, or if they can stay under the GEM Uranium Project licenses. It is likely that all of the fuel will be used and those two caches will be removed from the land by the end of August 2012. Once the Project Leaders are established, they will contact NIRB and NRI regarding their research plans and apply for the appropriate licences.

I will keep you informed of any further changes on these topics. Please advise if I have overlooked copying anyone.

Thank you in advance!

Charlie Jefferson,

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