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Dear Mr. Qamanirq:

I am writing on behalf of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) to address the longstanding issue of non-compliance of water licences in Nunavut's municipalities.

As you may be aware, the department has met several times over the last year with representatives from the Government of Nunavut (GN), Department of Community and Government Services (CGS), and most recently with the Nunavut Association of Municipal Administrators, to address non-compliance subjects identified in AANDC's annual water licence inspection reports.

Please note that on January 30, 2012, AANDC wrote to CGS requesting individual compliance action plans for each municipality based on environmental, public health and safety risks. These plans are to include a timetable with firm implementation dates and detail corrective measures that will be undertaken for each municipality to address the identified non-compliance issues.

In order to assist CGS in its work, a summary of our department's water license inspection reports for each of the municipalities in Nunavut from 2007 through 2011 was developed. For your benefit, please find enclosed the full report for your municipality.

Our staff look forward to working with CGS representatives as well as you and your staff to address these deficiencies to achieve and maintain compliance with the legislation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 867-975-4501.

Sincerely,

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Encl: Summary of non-compliance 2007-2011

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