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Dear Mr. Kudloo:

Thank you for your letter of August 27, 1997 outlining concerns over the potential contamination of Kuhulu Lake as raised by some residents of Arctic Bay during the deliberations for the renewal of the Nanisivik Mines Limited's Water Licence.

I wish to inform you that Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development regional officials have already started to investigate the matter. Once they have completed this investigation, they will be contacting you directly with the results. If this operation occurred prior to the start-up of the mine, it would have been prior to the application of the Territorial Land Use Regulations in the Eastern Arctic and, consequently, it may take some time to complete the investigation. I am confident, however, that they will be able to address the concerns raised by the residents of Arctic Bay.

Thank you again for bringing these concerns to my attention.

Yours sincerely,

*Jane Stewart*

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