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Requesting an Application for a Water Licence

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) is responsible for enforcing provisions of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*, which requires municipal operations have a valid water licence. This licence is issued by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) under the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*, which also requires that municipalities possess a water licence.

As such, we are again taking the opportunity to advise you of this outstanding legal requirement. In anticipation of - and in order to assist you in - the application process, please find attached a copy of the necessary application and supplementary questionnaire forms.

It is noted that the Municipality of Arctic Bay has previously stated that it does not wish to apply for a water licence since it would obligate the Municipality to address infrastructure issues for which either ownership or lack of resources could result in a state of non-compliance. Although we understand and agree with these concerns raised by the Municipality, it does not provide an exemption for the necessity of a water licence.

The Municipality of Arctic Bay must therefore still apply for a water licence for the use of water and deposit of waste into water if it desires to be in compliance with the above-mentioned legislation. INAC will work to ensure that licence conditions take into consideration the fact that some issues are outside the direct control of the Municipality.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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