

# WATER LICENCE INSPECTION FORM

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	Follow-Up	Report

**Action Required** 

Licensee			Licensee Representative							
Hamlet of Arctic Bay				Sam Willie						
Licence No. / Expiry				Representative's Title						
3BM-ARC1419				Acting Senior Administrative Officer						
Land / Other Authorizations										
None										
Date of Inspection				Inspector						
July 20, 2016				Justin HACK						
Activities Inspected  Camp/Municipality Drilling			Mining	·		Reclamation	n			
Roads/Hauling	Other:			Other:						
Conditions: A - Ac	ceptable	,	C - Concern U	- Unacceptab	le	NA –	Not Applicable	NI -	Not Insp	ected
Water Use	Condition	Comment	Site Conditions		Condit ion	Comme nt	Haz/Mat Manage	ment	Condition	Comment
Intake/Screen	Α		Water Managemen	t Structures	Α		Storage		Α	
Flow Measure. Device	Α		Culverts / Bridges		Α		Spills		NI	
Source:	Α		Drainage		Α		Spill Plan		Α	
Water Use:	Α		Erosion / Sediment		Α					
Recirculation ( y /n) NA			Mitigation Measures		Α		Administrative			
			Reclamation Activit	ies	Α		Records		NA	
			Materials Storage		Α		Reports		NA	
Waste Disposal			Signage		Α		Plans		NA	
Waste Water	Α						Notifications		NA	
Solid Waste	С	9-12	Monitoring				Other			
Hazardous Waste	Α		Sample Collection /	Analysis	NI					
*The number in the comments field will correspond with specific comments provided below.										
Samples taken by Inspector: Location(s):										
☐ Yes ⊠ No										

# SECTION 1 Background

The Hamlet of Arctic Bay has a water licence that is valid until 2019. The Licensee is permitted to use 299 cubic meters of water per day, and is permitted to discharge treated sewage into the environment from the Waste Water Treatment Facility. The Licence does not grant the right to deposit of wastes into the environment (leachate) from the Solid Waste Disposal Facility.

Non-Compliance with Act or Licence

## **Inspectors Statement**

On July 20 2016, a water licence inspection was conducted at the Hamlet of Arctic Bay, Qikiqtani Region, Nunavut.

#### Inspection

## Water Use and related structures:

**Comments** 

- 1. Water is being withdrawn from Marcil Lake as approved in the Water Licence.
- 2. It was noted that water use quantities are only accounted for when the water is delivered by water truck and not as water is pumped into the truck. However, to account for extra water use, the municipality adds twenty percent to their water use quantity to account for uses such as dust suppression and other unaccounted water uses.
- 3. The secondary source of raw water was not being used for a water source at the time of the inspection.

#### **Waste Water Treatment Facility**

- 4. At the time of inspection, the sewage lagoon was in-use, operating as intended, and was retaining the sewage until decanting occurs.
- 5. Berm walls surrounding the facility did not show signs of slumping or cracking.
- 6. Freeboard height was sufficient.
- 7. The Licensee highlighted that the gravity fed effluent decant pipe is frozen shut due to permafrost in the berm. There is no heat trace in the pipe to encourage unfreezing. To decant the facility, the Licensee siphons the effluent through hoses over the berm wall.
- 8. No concerns were noted with the operation of this facility.





#### **Metal Storage Area:**

- 9. During the previous inspection (2015), it was requested to store scrap metals on top of the reclaimed sewage lagoon. The Hamlet has not initiated this activity as of yet.
- 10. It was observed again that a small stream flows through the existing metal storage area and then flows into a sump downstream of the domestic waste facility. The sump is located near a stream and then this surface water likely exfiltrates into the nearby stream.
- 11. Samples will be taken at the next inspection.

### **Domestic Waste Facility**

- 12. The Licensee manages domestic waste through a burning and covering procedure.
- 13. Due to the recent rainfall, a small stream was observed flowing from the Domestic Waste Facility where it flowed to a sump.
  - o The surface water likely contains some leachate and likely affects the nearby stream.
  - The Licensee is not allowed to discharge leachate from site. Samples will be taken at the next inspection to determine the levels of contaminates entering the surface water.

## Reports/Records:

14. Records for water use were in good order.

#### **Hazardous Waste:**

15. Paints, batteries, and some hazardous materials are being stored and segregated in seacans at the Metal Storage Area.

SECTION 2 Comments	Non-Compliance with Act or Licence	Action Required
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Inspector's Name		
Justin Hack		
Signature		
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Date		
September 23, 2016		

