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I have sent you each a letter/document (provided by the NWB) from the Hamlet of Baker Lake to Graeme Dargo (Superintendent WRED, Rankin) regarding apparent fuel oil contamination of land and water in Baker Lake.

I learned yesterday after speaking to Rob Eno, Env., Protection Officer with WRED here in Iqaluit, a little of the history behind this incident.

It seems that back in May of 1985 (on two occasions) a Hamlet employee driving a bulldozer cut a NTPC fuel line on the property. The first spill was 95,000 l. The second time only 11,000 l spilled.

A clean up was performed and whatever fuel was still in the ground appeared not to be migrating towards the lake. An agreement was struck between Ren. Res. and NTPC that no further action would be required as long as there was no migration of the oil to the lake.

Of course there are some politics involved here. It seems that the Hamlet would very much like to have the land that NTPC sits upon and ten years ago some sort of deal was made that NTPC would move their plant when it was time to build/upgrade, but until such time, the Hamlet would have to wait. That ten years is up and the Hamlet wants the land. This may be an a bit of an influencing factor on why it has taken this long for this report to be made (the samples afterall were collected in September).

Regardless, it seems apparent that NTPC needs to do some serious remediation on the contaminated soil. Why the Hamlet has sent this report to WRED and the NWB (and not Public Health and NTPC) is beyond me.

I send more as I learn it.

Paul