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### August 30, 2000 Water Licence Inspection - Report

Senior Administrative Office Public Registry

Attached for your records is the Municipal Water Use Inspection Report pertaining to the August 30, 2000 inspection; while the facilities are generally managed in a most efficient manner, various issues of a more administrative nature will need to be addressed by the Licensee. Overall, the following considerations were noted:

- **Sewage disposal:** No concerns were noted with the sewage disposal facility (figure 1). In fact, the presence of extensive wetlands along the path of discharge from the sewage disposal facility strongly suggests that adequate effluent treatment is provided.
- Solid waste disposal: While pooled water was present immediately downslope from the solid waste disposal facility (figure 2), no active leaching from the site was observed. The facility appears quite adequately overseen, as combustible waste is burned regularly and other types of waste are further segregated (figure 3). However, some concerns were noted regarding waste oil management. Indeed, notable leakage and ground staining were apparent in the new waste oil drum storage area (figure 4). In addition, signs of ongoing dumping at the partly reclaimed waste oil pit were evident (figure 5). Accordingly, the Inspector recommends that the Licensee attempt to direct all incoming waste oil to the new storage site, and further ensure that waste oil is stored/disposed of in a manner which prevents waste oil from being discharged into waters.

This being said, the attached analytical results relating to the discharge downstream from the waste disposal facilities (figure 6) indicate that tested parameters lie within both the Water licence's effluent quality thresholds and the Canadian Water Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Freshwater Aquatic Life. Moreover, the Microtox sample, which constitutes a reliable indicator of the biological toxicity attributed to an associated discharge, came in negative.



- Spills: The submission to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) of a Spill Contingency plan (Part H, Item 1) was due by 2000/04/01, yet the Licensee has not so far filed such a plan. Nonetheless, the Inspector acknowledges that several requirements of an administrative nature were due during the first year of issuance of Water licence NWB3BAK9904. In this regards, INAC and/or other implicated agencies can, should it be required, provide assistance for the completion of this, and other, licence conditions.
- Operation and Maintenance (O&M) plan: As per Water licence conditions (Part G, Item 1), the Licensee was also required to submit to the NWB an O&M plan for the sewage and solid waste disposal facilities by 2000/02/01. While a draft O&M plan was produced in November 1998, NWB's July 13, 1999 memo presented comments towards the approval of a final version of the O&M plan. This revised document is still outstanding.
- Abandonment and Restoration (A&R) plan: Under current Water licence conditions (Part I, Item 1), the Licensee is held to report to the NWB before reclamation work on existing or abandoned waste disposal sites is undertaken. As such, the NWB should ahve been advised before reclamation work was initiated on the waste oil pit. Furthermore, a related clause (Part I, Item 5) requires the Licensee to submit an assessment of the existing abandoned water supply and waste disposal facilities by 2001/01/31. Consequently, should additional time and/or assistance be required for the completion of the task, the Inspector recommends that the Licensee file an extension request with the NWB rather than let another deadline slip.
- Records & Reporting: The Licensee has omitted to produce a 1999 Annual Report. As annual reports constitute essential pieces of information to INAC and other implicated agencies, the Inspector prompts the Licensee to submit the overdue report in a timely manner.

Please feel free to contact me at (867) 975-4298 or <a href="mailto:lavalleep@inac.gc.ca">lavalleep@inac.gc.ca</a> should any questions/comments arise.

Sincerely,

Philippe Lavallée

Water Resources Officer

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- c.c. Nunavut Water Board, Gjoa Haven
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  - Keewatin Health & Social Services, Rankin Inlet (Wanda Poirier)
  - EC Environmental Protection, Yellowknife (Anne Wilson)

# MUNICIPAL WATER USE INSPECTION FORM

Date: 2000/08/30 Licensee Rep. (Name/Title): Silas Kenalugak / Foreman

Licensee: Hamlet of Baker Lake

Licence No.: NWB3BAK9904

WATER SUPPLY

Source(s): Baker Lake Quantity used: meter 1 @ 2 686 799

Owner:/Operator: Hamlet meter 2 @ 239 621

Indicate: A - Acceptable U - Unacceptable NA - Not Applicable NI - Not Inspected
Intake Facilities: A Storage Structure: NA Treatment Systems: A Chemical Storage: A

Flow Meas. Device: A Convey. Lines: NA Pumping Stations: A

Comments: Well-kept facility; no concerns noted. Chlorination in use.

WASTE DISPOSAL

Sewage: Sewage Treatment System (Prim./Sec/Ter.): secondary; discharge overland to freshwater body

Natural Water Body: Continuous Discharge (land or water):

Seasonal Discharge: x Wetlands Treatment: x Trench:

Solid Waste: Owner/Operator: Hamlet

Indicate: A - Acceptable U - Unacceptable NA - Not Applicable NI - Not Inspected

Burn & Landfill: x

Discharge Quality: sampled Decant Structure: NA Erosion: A

Discharge Meas. Device: none Dyke Inspection: NA Seepages: A

Dams, Dykes: NA Freeboard: NA Spills: U

Construction: NA O&M Plan: U A&R Plan: U

Periods of Discharge: A Effluent Discharge Rate: not measured

Comments: No noteworthy concerns with truck discharge chutes and initial sewage holding cell. Fenced solid waste disposal facility well managed. Combustible wastes are burned regularly, while other types of waste are further segregated. Pooled water present immediately downslope of the facility, but no active leaching observed. Leakage and staining noted at both new and old waste oil storage areas. Overdue Spill Contingency, Operation and Management (O&M), and Abandonment and Restoration (A&R) plans.

### FUEL STORAGE

Owner/Operator:

Indicate: A - Acceptable U - Unacceptable NA - Not Applicable NI - Not Inspected

Berms & Liners:

Water within Berms: Evidence of Leaks:

Drainage Pipes:

Pump Station & Catchment Berm:

Pipeline Condition:

Not Applicable: x

Condition of Tanks:

Other:

# SURVEILLANCE NETWORK PROGRAM (SNP)

Samples Collected Hamlet: to be taken later in the summer

INAC: BAK-3 (discharge from waste disposal facilities @ Airplane Lake outlet)

Signs Posted SNP: yes Warning: yes

Records & Reporting: overdue 1999 Annual Report

Geotechnical Inspection: none required

Non-Compliance of Act or Licence: 1999 Annual Report, O&M and Spill Contingency plans not yet submitted; respectively due by 2000/03/31, 2000/02/01, and 2000/04/01. Old waste oil pit reclaimed without an approved A&R plan.

Philippe Lavallée

Inspector's Name

Inspector's Signature



figure 1. Initial holding cell, sewage disposal facility; 2000/08/30.



figure 2. Pooled water downslope from the solid waste disposal site; 2000/08/30.



figure 3. Waste segregation at the solid waste disposal facility; 2000/08/30.

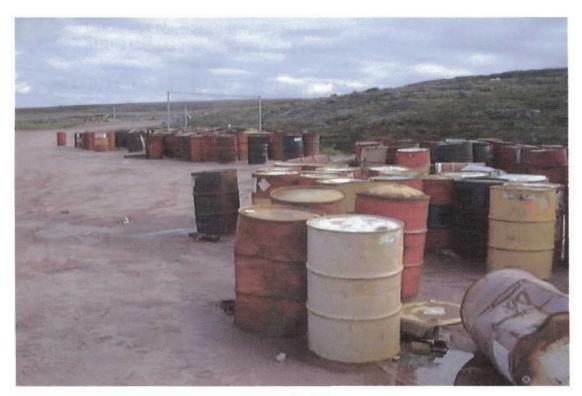


figure 4. New waste oil storage site; 2000/08/30.



figure 5. Partly abandoned and reclaimed waste oil storage site; 2000/08/30.



figure 6. Discharge from the waste disposal facilities, Airplane Lake outlet; 2000/08/30.

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Att'n: Philippe Lavallee

LAB# 201825

#### SAMPLE INFORMATION

Our Lab#: 201825

Your Sample ID: BAK-2 Sample Matrix: water

Collection:

Location: Baker Lake

Date: 8/30/00

Philippe Lavallee By:

PROJECT:

Received Date: 9/1/00

Report Date: 06-Oct-00

Approved By:

IGALUET, MI

- SAMPLE ANALYSIS REPORT -

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Lab#	Test		Result	Units	Detection Limit	Analysis Date	Analytical Method
201825							
	Calcium		3.63	mg/L	0.05	9/05/2000	EC20003
	Magnesium		1.25	mg/L	0.01	9/05/2000	012102
	Sodium		4.60	mg/L	0.02	9/03/2000	011102
	Potassium		0.98	mg/L	0.03	9/03/2000	EC19102
	Sulphate		32	mg/L	3	9/27/2000	016306
	Tot-Suspended-Solids	<	3	mg/L	3	9/01/2000	EC10406
	NO3-N+NO2-N		0.138	mg/L	0.008	9/15/2000	07110
	Ammonia-N		0.008	mg/L	0.005	9/13/2000	EC7557
	Bio-Oxy-Demand		4	mg/L	2	9/01/2000	08208
	Faecal_Coliform		4	CFU/dL	4	9/01/2000	036014
	Total Arsenic(w)-GFAA	<	1	ug/L	1	9/06/2000	GFAA
	Tot-Cadmium(ICP-MS)	<	0.3	ug/L	.3	8/09/2000	ICP-MS
	Tot-Cobalt(ICP-MS)	<	1	ug/L	1	8/09/2000	ICP-MS
	Tot-Chromium(ICP-MS)	<	3	ug/L	3	8/09/2000	ICP-MS
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Tot-Copper(ICP/MS)	<	2	ug/L	2	8/09/2000	ICP-MS	
Tot-Iron(AA)		0.35	mg/L	0.03	9/07/2000	ICP-MS	
Tot-Manganese(ICP-MS)		25	ug/L	1	8/09/2000	ICP-MS	
Tot-Nickel(ICP-MS)	<	1	ug/L	1	8/09/2000	ICP-MS	
Tot-Lead(ICP-MS)	<	1	ug/L	1	8/09/2000	ICP-MS	
Tot-Zinc(ICP-MS)	<	10	ug/L	10	8/09/2000	ICP-MS	
Tot-Mercury(water)	<	0.01	ug/L	0.01	9/08/2000	080314	
Phenols	<	2.00	ug/L	2.00	9/20/2000	006536	

Field Data (00/08/30) BAK-2

Temperature: 9.0 °C Conductivity: 68 μS

pH: 7.4

Time: 15:40

### MICROTOX DATA REPORT Basic Test

FILE: 00091302.K15

Baker Lake Sewage Runoff - collected Aug 20/00 @ 15:28

Test Time: 15 minutes

Osmotic Adjustment:OAS

NUMBER	10/17	CONC.	CR/GAMMA	% EFFECT
Control	92.59/ 81.10	0.0	0.8759 #	
1 2 3 4	92.13/ 79.81 97.51/ 75.05 96.88/ 81.01 90.95/ 75.38	5.6250 11.2500 22.5000 45.0000	0.011 * 0.138 0.047 * 0.057	0.0
CR = Contro	•	CORRECTION	FACTOR = 0	7.7

EC50 IS GREATER THAN HIGHEST CONCENTRATION

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TEST DATE: <u>SPT 13/00</u> PH 8.0