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March 6, 2002

Mr. Dennis Zettler
Senior Administrative Officer
Hamlet of Baker Lake
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Re: Annual Report Requirement

Dear Mr. Zettler:

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) is responsible for enforcing provisions of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*, which requires that municipal operations have a valid water licence. This licence is issued by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) under the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*, which requires NWB approval for the use of water and disposal of waste into water. Accordingly, INAC has the responsibility for enforcing your community's water licence. As such, we are taking the opportunity to remind you that, according to Part B, Item 1 of your water licence, an annual report must be submitted to the NWB by March 31, 2002. To assist you in submitting the annual report, please find attached a copy of a form that will fulfill the requirements of your annual report if properly completed.

As noted in the Water Resources Officer's latest inspection report, the Municipality has failed to submit Annual Reports for 1999 and 2000. By completing additional copies of the attached form for each of those years, the Municipality can remedy this outstanding issue of non-compliance. These reports constitute a critical source of information regarding municipal water use and waste disposal available to the NWB and regulatory agencies, thus you are urged to submit them promptly. In addition, the Operation and Management (O&M) Plan for the waste disposal facilities (part G, item 1), Spill Contingency Plan (part H, item 1), and assessment of abandoned facilities (part I, item 5) must be submitted to the NWB.

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

Sincerely,

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