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Mr. Elwood Johnston  
Senior Administrative Officer  
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**Re:   Request for final information for water licence application**

Dear Mr. Johnston:

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. As such, we are again taking the opportunity to advise you of this outstanding legal requirement. However, we duly note that the Municipality of Rankin Inlet has recently submitted an application for a water licence. Unfortunately, the application process has been delayed due to insufficient information regarding the current water treatment and waste management facilities, and plans for the proposed replacement of the waste management facilities.

The Municipality is encouraged to continue its efforts to obtain the appropriate documents from Community Government and Transportation (CG&T) so that the application can proceed. By copy of this letter to CG&T, we hope they will recognize that the current situation is unacceptable as the department is in non-compliance with the above-mentioned legislation. We trust that CG&T will assist in the provision of the relevant documents to the NWB on behalf of the Municipality.

Should you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

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