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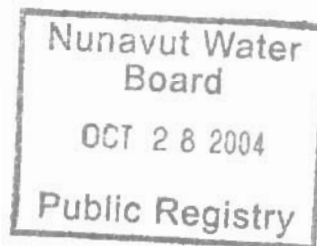
Department of Community and Government Services

Ministère des Services communautaires et gouvernementaux

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October 19, 2004

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Dear Mr. Bruinsma:

On behalf of the Hamlet of Cape Dorset we acknowledge receipt of your letter dated May 13, 2004. Please be advised that in consultation with the Hamlet, we have taken corrective measures to repair the 3 cell lagoon system in the Hamlet of Cape Dorset.

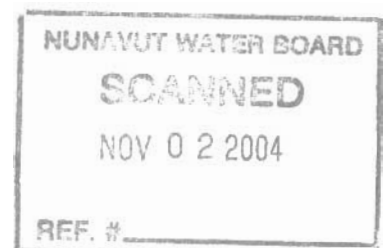
In light of this development, the Government of Nunavut, in consultation with the Cape Dorset Hamlet Council, will complete an O&M overhaul of the primary 3 cell lagoon site, restoring it to the original working specifications to ensure a safe and environmentally sound waste-water disposal site. The repairs to the 3 cell lagoon system is a short term mitigation measure and should be viewed as part of the regular maintenance.

The work includes:

- Minimizing the surface runoff into the three cell system.
- Stabilization of the berms of the three cell system

The GN would like to undertake some minor modification of the old single cell lagoon to ensure that the site can be used as a backup should the Hamlet experience any unforeseen shortfalls with the primary 3 cell system. In addition, the GN would like to place a berm in cell 1 of the 3 cell system.

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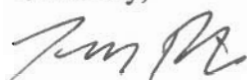
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Further in keeping with your further direction to provide a final report by August 1, 2004, we would request that you consider extending this requirement to at least November 2006 as the long term solution for the disposal of sewage in Cape Dorset will require at least 2 summer construction seasons to complete. The ultimate solution will require the issuance of a new or revised license and at that time, Environment Canada (and others) will have ample opportunity to review and provide comments.

I trust that this is in keeping with your most recent Inspector's Direction relating to Cape Dorset Sewage.

If you require any further details regarding this project, please do hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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