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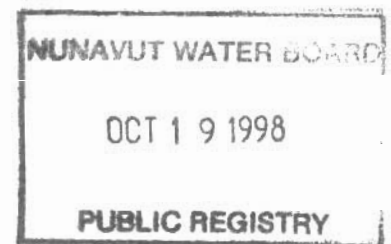
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October 5, 1998

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Mr. Timoon Toonoo
Senior Administrative Officer
Hamlet of Cape Dorset
Cape Dorset, NT
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Dear Mr. Toonoo,

Water Licence Requirement - Hamlet of Cape Dorset

Reference: My letter to you dated September 16, 1997

1. Last year after I conducted a water management inspection, I wrote to you outlining the need for the Hamlet of Cape Dorset to obtain a water licence. To date, the Hamlet has not made any efforts to obtain this licence. I realize that the Hamlet had applied for a water licence years ago (when the NWT Water Board had jurisdiction), but at that time they put the licensing issue on hold as they felt there was too much information missing for them to proceed.
2. This information, which consisted of engineered drawings of the waste disposal facilities, could not be provided as they did not exist and the Hamlet found itself in a catch-22 situation. Subsequently, the matter was transferred to the Nunavut Water Board, but after their office burned down, what information did exist, was lost.
3. A water licence remains a requirement under the *NWT Waters Act* as well as the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.
4. Ms. Bonnie Segal (GNWT Public Health) has just informed me that the Hamlet is now using the new sewage lagoon recently constructed. One of the components of a water licence is the provision to regulate the disposal of wastes.

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5. Since the Hamlet has failed to obtain a water licence, the Hamlet is in violation of the *NWT Waters Act* - it is this situation that must be corrected. To do so will require the Hamlet to reapply to the Nunavut Water Board.
6. Attached is a copy of the water licence application form. Complete and return this application to the Nunavut Water Board. By copy of this letter, I am also requesting that the Board provide the Hamlet with a copy of the supplemental questionnaire. This is also to be completed and returned to the Nunavut Water Board.
7. Should you require any additional information or require additional assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address or by phone at (867) 979-4405.

Sincerely,



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