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RE: NWB3CAP0207- DECANTING OF SEWAGE LAGOONS AT CAPE DORSET

Dear Phyllis:

The Department of Environment (DOE) thanks NWB for the opportunity to comment on the notification letter from the Hamlet of Cape Dorset, regarding to the decanting of the sewage lagoons. However, it is our understanding that the Hamlet of Cape Dorset has already completed the decanting process.

As I'm sure you are aware, DOE has responsibilities under the *Nunavut Environmental Protection Act* to ensure that the environment is protected from contaminants. In situations such as this, DOE requires sufficient information on the scope and design of the project to make an assessment of the likely environmental impacts. We need to be certain that decant liquid is of suitable quality to be discharged to the environment, that sludge, if removed, is disposed of appropriately, and that mitigation measures are in place during the operation. DOE asks that in the future, prior notification and review opportunity are given to interested parties so that all environmental considerations are taken into account.

DOE will discuss this matter further with our own Department of Community and Government Services who works with Hamlets on such projects.

Once again, we thank NWB for the opportunity to comment. Please contact me if you have any further questions or comments.

Yours sincerely,

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