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As a follow-up to our earlier telephone conversation, would recommend the Hamlet of Coral Harbour ensure the rock material to be used to fill the "lakes" is a non-sulphide bearing rock to minimize the possibility of leaching.

I contacted and discussed the references to the "solid waste disposal site" and "dumping of 45 gailon drums into the lake" by the military with Mr. Scott Mitchell, Head, Contaminated Sites Office, Indian Affairs and Northern Development Canada. Mr. Mitchell said that UMA Engineering performed an assessment of the military facility and past operations at Coral Harbour and presented their findings in a 1991/92 report. This was part of the larger DEW Line clean-up effort. Mr. Mitchell said there were no records of hazardous waste material and that a large component of the clean-up involved empty drums (approximately 85,000). In case the drums are not the result of the past military activities, the Hamlet should ensure that any drums, that may be buried by the rock fill, are empty before undertaking the proposed activity.

Mr. Mitchell's telephone number is (867) 669-2755 should you want to speak with him.

Please call (669-4737) should you wish to discuss the comments.

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