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Re: Comments on Two Rivers to be tested for E-Coli - NWB3COR

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the above noted request NWB3COR.

The Aiviit Hunters and Trappers Organisation and the Community of Coral Harbour are seeking help to conduct E- Coli testing in the Kirchoffer River and Fossil Creek. The hope would be to have this testing done prior to commercial caribou harvesting in November, 2001.


The issue falls outside of Environment Canada mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* (CEPA), section 36 of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Canadian Wildlife Act*, and the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*. Under these circumstances the community could conduct the sampling of the two watercourses and then send the samples to Taiga Environmental Lab in Yellowknife. Cautionary note that the samples must reach the lab within 24 hours or a maximum of 48 hours if samples are kept refrigerated not frozen.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4639 with any questions or comments regarding the foregoing.

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