

Sept 28/90

Water Board Update
for
October 2, 1990

Rankin Inlet
District

Re: Request by Gjoa Haven for release of contents of sewage lagoon.

Background:

-Peter Van Lindenberg with DPW made a request for Gjoa Haven to discharge the contents of the sewage lagoon at Gjoa Haven.

-This discharge will take place over a two week time period and consist of 40,000 cubic metres of waste.

-This discharge would be the first discharge from this sewage lagoon and was recommended by the Pre-design Report-"Gjoa Haven Sewage Disposal Facility" written by Stanley in 1985.

-According to this report the discharge will be to the Arctic Ocean through a 700 metre long ditch.

Concerns:

-I foresee no problems with the discharge of the contents of the sewage lagoon, although I would like to see them collect a sample of the discharge for analysis.

Recommendations:

I recommend that a letter from the Board be sent to the community approving of the discharge.

Patrick