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Water Board Update
for
October 2, 1990

Rankin Inlet
District

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

Background:

-Mr. Shoudha with DPN made a request for Gioa Haven to discharge the contents of the sewage lagoon at Gioa Haven. He suggested that we talk to Peter Van Lindenberg in Cambridge Bay for further information.

-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-"Gioa 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.

-I telephoned Peter Van Lindenberg, DPN Assistant Superintendent in Cambridge Bay and he returned my telephone call on Monday 1 October 1990. Mr. Van Lindenberg said that the sewage lagoon at Gioa Haven was just expanded this year and the lagoon is empty and dry at this time.

-On 1 October 1990 after talking with Mr. Van Lindenberg, I telephoned Mr. Shoudha to determine what the story is regarding this discharge. He was not in his office and would not return until 2 October.

Oct 1/90 - Ron Kent was asked if he knew anything about this - and
Concerns: he didn't.

-I foresee no problems with the discharge of the contents of the sewage lagoon, although I would like to see DPN collect a sample of the discharge for analysis. However, I do not know who with DPN knows what is going on in Gioa Haven.

Recommendations:

I recommend that no action be taken by the board until this matter is cleared up.

