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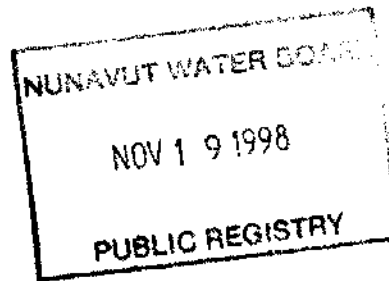
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Box 119
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X0E 1J0**Re: Application for a Water Licence for the Municipality of Gjoa Haven
NWB3GJO**

On behalf of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Habitat Management, (DFO-HM) I have reviewed the information submitted with the above water licence application.

Throughout the application there are several re-occurring concerns that need to be address by the municipality and incorporated into the water licence. Recommendation for these concerns are listed below:

Water Supply Lake

1. It is recommended that a fence be constructed around the Water Supply Lake to decrease the risk of wind blown debris into the water.

Sewage Disposal

1. The community hoped to phase out the use of honeybags by October 1998. If this has not be accomplished, they should be strongly encouraged to do so in the immediate future.
2. It is recommended the existing pumpout chutes at the sewage lagoon be maintained or replaced. This will prevent futher erosion of the lagoon banks.
3. It is recommended that the municipaliity have an engineer examine the lagoon berm. Efforts should be made to correct the design flaw (as stated in this submission) and eliminate the annual maintenance required to minimize the spring breaches.

Solid Waste Disposal Site

1. The fence surrounding the landfill site should be repaired or replaced.
2. Segregation, compaction and burial of garbage should be done routinely.
3. Waste oil disposal needs to be addressed. The original site should be cleaned where drums have leaked, and the drums placed on pallets. Storage of waste oil in 45 gallon drums is not a long term solution to the problem. Other alternatives should be investigated.

General Concerns

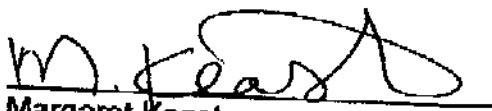
1. The municipality should develop a spill contingency plan.
2. Spill kits should be available at a central location for easy access.
3. It is recommended the municipal workers receive spill response training.

These concerns may have been addressed since the writing of this application and the last inspection reported filed by P. Smith of DIAND in September of 1997 (included in this submission). If so I appologize for the repetition.

Please note that none of the foregoing should be taken as authorization of the undertaking in accordance with the Fisheries Act or any other legislation.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments with respect to the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,



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