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Philippe Lavallee,  
Water Resources Officer  
Indian & Northern Affairs  
Iqaluit, NU  
Fax: (867) 979-6445

Dear Phillip;

I would like to re-address the issue we spoke on earlier today.

Nunavut Water Board, namely Philip D'Pizzo informed me that there was a leak in the berm of our sewage lagoon during the week of June 12<sup>th</sup> to June 16<sup>th</sup>. Upon his speaking with me, I had the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven Director visit the site and survey the area of discussion. He advised our loader operator to just "top up" the area as with spring run off sometimes, additional liquid flows through the berm. Immediately he attended the site and completed the task, which was minimal.

One of the people residing in the community thought there was excess flow this year, but after re-checking the berm we have assurance that there is not any more run-off than any other year.

This letter is to confirm to you that we are in no way in breach of our Water License today, and in no way have ever been in breach of our contract. We take great pride in looking after our water and waste sites as we are continuously searching avenues to assist us in proper treatment, removal and maintaining our resources.

If your department is assuming that we would just let the sewage lagoon flow into the ocean, you are sadly mistaken. The Inuit people hunt and fish this area and treat this land with the respect that it deserves. We are not about to abuse the very land we live off of. Perhaps a research by the Nunavut Water Board, here in Gjoa Haven would have alleviated this letter, but we take offence as the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven when rumours are started about our office being negligent in something as important as this.

Please reply to this letter and verify that the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven did in no way breach our Water License.

Sincerely,

Raymond Kamookak  
Senior Executive Officer

Cc Nunavut Water Board, Gjoa Haven