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Subject: July 26, 2006 answers to the questions for Hamlet meeting

Dear Joe,

On July 26, 2006 at 2:00 P.M. I met with Raymond Kamookak (SAO of Hamlet) at the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven to Discuss Questions I have developed from the Landfill, Sewage Lagoon and Water Intake Facility; here are the answers to the questions.

(Questions: 1, 2) Answers: 2 permanent employees bring in approximately 15 loads of garbage a day, they mostly work for housing.

(Q: 3, 7) A: The current landfill has been in operation since around 1982 before that, landfill garbage was brought just about anywhere.

(Q: 4) A: There are plans for new landfill to be made and are just waiting for more professional advice on what do with current landfill (how it needs to be rehabilitated) before they can start a new one, and are going to get help on building a more up to date landfill.

(Q: 5) A: With the breaching Raymond says "according to INAC some water needs to be absorbed in to the landfill."

(Q: 6) A: And the opened fence in the south face is currently going to be worked on.

(Q: 8) A: Raymond says they have to figure out a plan to advise the community where to put certain waste maybe put signs up or have an office and someone advises them
For destination for certain waste.

(Q: 9, 14) A: As soon as the hamlet finds out about a fuel spill they will clean it up with a spill kit and they will notify any government that will be concerned and to the water board. The Canadian Coast Guard supplies the hamlet 2 containers of spill kits yearly.

(Q: 10) A: The Government of petroleum product operates and maintains the tank farm.

(Q: 11) A: Right now they say they need expert help on how to manage the garbage that has left the landfill they are planning to get funding on cleaning the areas with garbage that has left the landfill or that was just dump somewhere that wasn't supposed to be brought to where it is now.

(Q: 12) A: With the drums around town if they can be collected and cleaned, emptied of used oil they have been advised to buy a furnace that can run off of used oil the drums can be crushed for better storage according to Raymond.

(Q: 13) A: Once a month they send out water samples to be analyzed pipe that are being built is going to be connected to new closer water intake facility a small lake is used for fire truck emergency.

(Q: 15) A: If the water in take for potable water is believed contaminated they will send out samples and notify the public and reported to environmental governments if the truck that hauls the water is believed to be contaminated it will be cleaned immediately, no mentions about if anyone will be notified.

(Q: 16) A: a) for the Hamlet the main issue with the Landfill is the lack of trained professional employees.
b) With the Sewage Lagoon the main issue is the "spring Run-off"
c) Pipe line was supposed to be done last year and Hamlet is looking forward to being completed this year.

Sincerely,

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