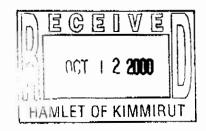
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Department of Health & Social Services: Baffin

October 6, 2000

Tommy Akavak -- A/SAO PO Box 120 Kimmirut, NU XOA ONO



Dear Tommy,

On the afternoon of October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2000 I conducted an environmental health assessment of the Kimmirut Hamlet's public services. Miki, from the Hamlet, accompanied me during the inspection.

## **Community Water System**

During this inspection the pump supplying water from the reservoir was not functioning. Water tucks were being filled directly from the reservoir and then bulk-chlorinated with bleach. While not ideal, this situation is satisfactory until the pump is repaired. In the meantime, ensure that the correct amount of bleach is added to every load of water so that the free chlorine residual is kept at a minimum of 0.2 mg/l. Once the supply pump is repaired you must ensure that daily free chlorine measurements are taken and recorded at the pumphouse. This practice allows you to monitor the amount of chlorine present in the drinking water and make adjustments as necessary to deliver the highest quality of water to the residents of Kimmirut.

Warning signs should be posted at the reservoir prohibiting trespassing, fishing, snow machines, camping etc because this area is a public water supply.

## Sewage Lagoon

The existing lagoon is inadequate. Plans have been received for a new lagoon, which should be constructed as soon as possible.

## Landfill Site

This site is also inadequate. There is little or no segregation of waste, burned material is not being covered with fill material, there is no hazardous materials storage and a

lack of fencing allows garbage to blow around unchecked. Plans have been received for a new landfill site that should be constructed as soon as possible.

## **Akavak Centre**

Both washrooms at this location require a fair amount of work to bring them up to an acceptable sanitary standard. Many of the stall doors are missing as well as the toilet paper dispensers. There are holes in the walls that must be repaired and painted. The state of these washrooms has not appreciably changed since the previous Environmental Health inspection five months ago; none of the deficiencies have been repaired.

In the basement below the centre there is a storage room in the corner of the basement, upon entering there was a strong odour of spilled pop and vomit. Access to this room. and the rest of the basement, should be limited to Hamlet employees only. There were numerous empty pop cans strewn across the basement and it seems obvious that this location is a hangout for youths.

14 you have any questions about this report please feel free to contact me at (867) 979-7654.

Sincerely,

Shaun Mackie

Environmental Health Officer

| То:       | SAO<br>Kinnicut   | Date: May 8, 2000 Sample Date: May 4, 2000 |
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| From:     | Environmental Health Officer Baffin Regional Health & Social Se PO Bag 200, Iqaluit, NT X0A 0H0 | Lab Date: May 6,2000 ervices Board EGEIVE  |
|           | SUBMITTED WATER SAMPL   | E RESULTS HAMLET OF KIMMIRUT               |
| The bodes | ological water camples listed belowwere analyze   | and the results are as indicated.          |

Location of Sample Total Coliform E. Coli Acceptable Yes/No

Water Truck 105 0 0 Yes

Cc: NIC Doug Sittend Philippe Lasslee

As you are aware, counts above zero require immediate re-sampling. If you have any problems or questions, please call us at (867)979-7655 (between 8:30AM - 5:00PM) or fax us at (867)979-7659.

Regards,

Environmental Health Officer