

Appendix I-2 Solid Waste Management Facility

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

Environmental Screening Report

CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACT

This form, when completed in full, constitutes an environmental screening report intended to meet the requirements of s. 16 of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA). It contains the following sections:

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The table on Page 2 will be completed by INAC staff. The proponent should complete the sections that follow, starting with "1. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION" on page 3.

	FOI IIVAC USE CITIY
Project Reference	
Section 5 Triggers	Please identify the reason(s) for INAC involvement: • CEAA s. 5.1(a) proponent • CEAA s. 5.1(b) funding
	 CEAA s. 5.1(c) granting an interest in land CEAA s. 5.1(d)** regulatory function
	**If a 5.1 (d) trigger, please specify the trigger, as per Law List Regulations: • Indian Act subsection 18(2) • Indian Act subsection 28(2)
	 Indian Act paragraph 58(4)(b) Indian Act subsection 35(1) Indian Act subsection 39(1) Indian Mining Regulations subsection 5(2) Indian Mining Regulations subsection 6(1) Indian Reserve Waste Disposal Regulations section 5 Indian Timber Regulations subsection 5(1) Indian Timber Regulations section 9 Indian Timber Regulations subsection 22(1)
FEAC¹ ("LEAD RA")	
Other RAs	
Expert FAs	
Project also subject to a provincial EA: YES/NO - (if YES, provide details)	
CEAR ² Reference #	
Env. Officer	
Reviewing Officer	
RCM & Directorate	

FEAC - Federal Environmental Assessment Coordinator
 CEAR - Canadian Environmental Assessment Registry

1) PROJECT IDENTIFICATION

Location:

Hamlet of Kugluktuk, Nunavut

Project Title:

Improvements to Waste Disposal Site

Project proponent(s):

Government of Nunavut, Community and Government Services

2) LOCATION

Detailed Location:

If project is not on reserve, specify latitude and longitude coordinates, and nearest town, highway, lake, etc. The Hamlet of Kugluktuk (formerly Coppermine) is located on Coronation Gulf at the mouth of the Coppermine River. The Hamlet is situated on a rocky area on the west side of the Coppermine River at Latitude 67°49'N, longitude 115°06'W. The waste disposal area will located approximately 4 kilometres southwest of the main community. (It will remain at its current location.)

YES

All or part of the project is OFF Reserve Land (YES/NO)

Definition of Project Area

The geographical extent of the project, and those areas affected during construction and operation. For example:
- key transportation routes for equipment and materials
- staging & refueling areas
- main activity/construction site, traffic routes, etc.

Most of the work will take place in the immediate vicinity of the existing waste disposal area. There are two components to the existing waste disposal facility: the bulky materials disposal area and the municipal solid waste disposal area (landfill). The existing landfill facility will be upgraded with updated operational and maintenance procedures. The access route will remain the same as it is currently. It is assumed that refueling will take place at the existing fuel depot, in the main community.

Adjacent Land:

Land use and description to the North, East, South, and West of project

- N: The areas to the north include vacant and undeveloped tundra. Coronation Gulf is 1.5 kilometres to the north. There is a sand quarry near the Coronation Gulf shoreline. The main community is located more than 4 kilometres to the northeast.
- E: There is a rock quarry approximately 200 m to the east. The access road servicing the waste disposal facilities runs southwest northeast between the bulk material storage area and the main landfill area. Vacant undisturbed tundra is located further east.
- S: The access road continues southwest towards Heart Lake approximately 1 kilometre to the southwest. Vacant, undisturbed tundra occupies the remaining areas to the south.
- W: The sewage lagoon 200 m to the west and vacant undisturbed tundra.

3) PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

Need for the Project:

Rationale: e.g. what problem is the project going to solve or what opportunity is the project going to provide?

The community has been operating a bulk metals disposal area and a municipal solid waste disposal area (landfill). The combined facilities have operated under Water Board License NWB3KUGO308 issued November 20, 2003.

The bulky material storage is currently operating as efficiently as possible given the remote nature of this community. The fluids (oil, fuel etc) should be drained to reduce the potential for subsurface contamination.

The main landfill area will reach capacity in approximately 5 years if operation continues at its current pace. Although current operations are not causing a significant environmental impact operational procedures need to be revised and the fill needs to be properly covered. community needs the landfill capacity to accommodate the next 20 vears therefore the landfill site needs to be expanded and rehabilitated.

Purpose of the Project: What is going to be achieved by carrying out the project?

To provide a municipal solid waste disposal area that can meet the regulatory requirements as well as the needs of the community over the next 20 years.

Alternatives Considered:

Different ways to meet the project need and achieve the project purpose

Several options were considered:

- Null option, not a viable solution due to existing system deficiencies (insufficient capacity and inadequate operating procedures)
- Upgrade the current solid waste disposal area with updated operational and maintenance procedures. Most cost effective option. Assumes that burning will continue.
- Move the site to an alternate location. There is no reason to move the site and moving the site would involve closure of the existing facility.
- Incineration or other disposal technology would be prohibitively expensive given the size of the community.

4) PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Proposed Start Date:

sed July 2006

Estimated October 2007 Completion Date:

(year-month-day, if known)

Estimated Total Cost:

Description of Project: (attach/reference supporting material as required) Approximately

The existing landfill site will be expanded and rehabilitated. The project will involve the following:

- Construction of 3 m high berms around the required 20 year fill area (2 m above and 1 m below existing grade) 3:1 side slopes and flat tops
- 1.5 m high fencing constructed on top of the berms.
- Surface water drainage ditching would be constructed to divert run off away from the fill area.
- A thin layer of interim cover would be applied to the existing exposed waste
- A hazardous waste depot and waste oil storage facility would be established to handle waste batteries and other waste not suitable for the landfill or the bulky materials area.

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Project Management Team Members & Affiliation

Nuna Burnside Engineering and Environmental Ltd., Mike O'Hara, P.Eng.

Tom Livingston, Regional Municipal Planning Engineer, Government of Nunavut

5) CONSULTATION

(a) Government Departments, Agencies, Non-Governmental Organizations, Community Councils, etc.

Department, Agency, or Organization:	Contact Person & Telephone Number:	Nature of Consultation & Response Received:
Community and Government Services – Kitikmeot Region Mr. Navjit Sidhu, B.Sc. E.I.T., Project Officer (867) 983-4142		Was consulted before, during and after the field inspection stage of the study (October 2005) to ensure that the community needs were being met. Was provided a copy of the Schematic Design Report identifying options available to meet the community's needs. Discussed and identified preferred alternative. Teleconference held on February 16, 2006 to discuss comments and questions.
Regional Municipal Planning Engineer, Government of Nunavut	Tom Livingston	As above.

(b) Public Consultation, including Community Members

Public Consulted:	Method Used:	Date:	Details/Issues Raised:
Residents	Meetings with Hamlet council and Hamlet public works staff	Between Oct 3 & 6 2005.	The Hamlet residents concerns and comments were expressed through council and the public works department (landfill site operator, managers). Concerns were raised regarding the landfill capacity and operations and the ability to meet future demands. Obtained information from residents regarding trails, areas of future development or sensitive areas.
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6) EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

COMPONENT	DESCRIPTION (describe featu	res; indicate se	ensitivity to disturbance)	
6.1 PHYSICAL FEATURE	S - VALUED FCO	SYSTEM CON	IPONENTS		
Topography/Terrain: (hilly, flat)	Costal lowlands of sand and clay plains dotted with shallow lakes. The				
Soil and Geology: (soil type, quality and use; bedrock geology)	The ground surface consists of bedrock and glacial deposits. Boulders and cobbles cover some areas. The bedrock geology is described as shaly sandstone, siltstone and shale of the Proterozoic Hadrynian Rae Group. The area around the sewage lagoon is comprised of well sorted medium sand from raised beaches. Two test pits in the area revealed groundwater perched on top of the permafrost. Groundwater was encountered between 0.4 m and 0.9 m below surface. Permafrost was at approximately 0.9 m below surface. The groundwater quality in the sandy soils encountered in the testpits was tested and did not show evidence of landfill related impacts.				
Surface Water: (presence & quality)	i implementations and make a manual attention to the contract of the contract				
	Parameter	Guidelines ¹	WS-1 (Raw	WS-4 (wetland treatment area)	
	BOD (mg.L)	45	sewage) 276		
	TSS (mg/L)	45	95	8 7	
		·····	0.242		
	T-PO ₄ (mg/L)	1.0		na	
	TKN (mg/L)	10	94	12.4	
	Faecal coliform	2,000	13,000,000	4,000	
	 Anticipated Nun Sample collecte 			S	
	The water quality improve significantly as it progresses downstream of the sewage lagoon. There are however some parameters that current do not meet the anticipated Nunavut guidelines even at the furthest downstream point. The system is currently not operating within these guidelines.				
Distance to Water:	toward the north intermittent stream the landfill site) th then ultimately dra Coppermine River	to northeast adjacent to that drains the ains to Coron is located app	toward Coro he lagoon (ap sewage outfloation Gulf (1. proximately 3	ace water generally flows onation Gulf. There is an proximately 150 m west of low toward a wetland area in the street of the Site. Coppermine River and the	

COMPONENT	DESCRIPTION (describe features; indicate sensitivity to disturbance)					
Aquatic Sediment/Substrate: (type & quality)	Not known					
Groundwater: (local use & quality)	Groundwater is not used. The entire area is permafrost below approximately 1.0 m. Groundwater quality was tested in the vicinity of the landfill site not the sewage lagoon.					
Air Quality: (local air quality)	Good					

COMPONENT	DESCRIPTION (describe features; indicate sensitivity to disturbance)
6.2 BIOLOGICAL FEATUR Vegetation: (e.g. forest, ground cover, aquatic plants)	The existing facilities are located within areas of disturbed tundra covered with turf consisting of various grasses, sedges and moss underlain by a thin (10 to 30 cm) layer of topsoil or peat. The proposed facilities will be immediately adjacent to the existing ones thus minimizing environmental impacts on the area.
Wetlands: (e.g. fens, swamp)	The intermittent stream flows through a wetland north of the proposed facility. The existing sewage lagoon discharges to this wetland and eventually discharges into Coronation Gulf. The conditions in the wetland are expected to improve with a better-designed sewage system. The wetland will continue to provide seasonal habitat for species of birds and other wildlife in the area.
Fish & Fish Habitat: (types of habitat and common species found)	The intermittent stream is not considered to be a significant habitat. Coronation Gulf (1.5 kilometres north) and Coppermine River (more than 3 kilometres east) are significant habitat for many species. Fishing is a significant part of traditional life in Kugluktuk. Improvements to the existing system will significantly reduce the potential of impacting the fish habitat. Fishing for char is an important part of daily life. Arctic Char (Salvelinus alpinus), Arctic Grayling (Thymallus arcticus) and Lake Trout (Salvelinus namaycush) are likely the primary fish species being harvested in the area.
Migratory Birds: (e.g. waterfowl, songbirds)	Several species of shorebirds and waterfowl are likely to be found in the general area, although it is unlikely that birds use the lagoon area for nesting or staging. There is a limited amount of suitable habitat on the site and there are more suitable habitats in the general area including: the wetland area to the north of the site, the shores of Heart Lake, Coppermine River and Coronation Gulf.
Other Fauna: (mammals/amphibians reptiles/insects; game & protected species)	Kugluktuk is located on west end of Coronation Gulf. Hunting and fishing are still important parts of daily life in this area. Locals often hunt Ringed Seal and to a lesser degree Narwhal and Walrus. These hunts are not expected to take place in the vicinity of the site.
	Local residents have been reported to consume a variety of terrestrial species including Barren Ground Caribou (Rangifer tarandus groenlandicus), Musk Ox (Ovibos moschatus) and Polar Bear (Ursus maritimus). Carnivores such as Arctic Wolves (Canis lupus arcticos) and Arctic Fox (Alopex lagopus) also have historical ranges that include this area and are likely hunted by local residents. None of these species have status under the Species At Risk Act (SARA).
Special Habitat Areas (specially designated or protected habitats)	No special habitat areas were identified in the Study Area during the preliminary review. No Important Bird Areas (IBAs) were identified in the vicinity of Kugluktuk. The Kugluk/Blood Falls Territorial Park is located 13 kilometres from Kugluktuk.

COMPONENT	DESCRIPTION (describe features; indicate sensitivity to disturbance)					
6.2 BIOLOGICAL FEATURI	ES - VALUED ECOSYSTEM COMPONENTS					
Species at Risk	The Site is within the historical range of the Eskimo Curlew (<i>Numenius borealis</i>) a bird listed as endangered under the federal Species at Risk Act. The bird's current distribution is unknown and no nests have been reported since 1978 when it was estimated that fewer than 20 Eskimo Curlews remained. It is highly unlikely that the species is present at or near the site.					

COMPONENT	DESCRIPTION (describe features; indicate sensitivity to disturbance)				
6.3 SOCIO-CULTURAL FEAT	TURES - VALUED ECOSYSTEM COMPONENTS				
Sensitive Areas: (e.g. residential zones, parkland, hospitals, schools)	The waste disposal facility is more than 4 kilometres from the main community. There are no known sensitive areas near the site.				
Human Health and Safety: (any persons whose health and safety may be affected by the construction and operation of the project)	The waste disposal facility is more than 4 kilometres from the main community therefore it is not likely to affect human health and safety. Improving landfill site operations and maintenance will result in improved human health reduced impact to the natural environment. The area is already occupied by the existing landfill site. Expansion is not expected to cause an impact to traditional land use activities. Hamlet staff indicate the area has no traditional land uses.				
Traditional Land Use Activities: (e.g. trapping, fishing, medicinal plant collection, ceremonial grounds)					
Aesthetics: (general character of the surrounding area; and if the project is compatible)	There is already a landfill in this area and the project is removed from the main community therefore aesthetics are not an issue. The area has been designated by the community for use such as the landfill, bulky metals disposal, and wastewater lagoon.				
Archaeological Resources: (recorded, or potential)	The area is removed from the main community and the site has already been developed. Hamlet staff indicate there are no known archaeological resources in this area.				
Special Designations: (parks, protected areas)	There are no known areas with special designations in the vicinity of the proposed waste disposal facility expansion.				

7) ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES – SUMMARY

The next table summarizes the following:

(A) List of Project Activities

Key project activities associated with **construction**, **operation**, **maintenance** and **decommissioning**, if applicable. Includes locations, scheduling details, and estimates of magnitude and scale.

(B) Potential Environmental Effect(s) associated with each project activity.

An Environmental Effect is defined as:

- i) any change that the project may cause in the environment.

 Including any effect of any such change on health and socio-economic conditions, on physical and cultural heritage, on the current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes, or on any structure, site, or thing that is of historical, archaeological, paleontological or architectural significance; and
- ii) any change to the project that may be caused by the environment.
 (Example: ice break-up damaging a bridge or dock; freezing and bursting of unprotected water lines.)

(C) Mitigation Measures

A Mitigation Measure is:

i) an action or provision made that will <u>eliminate</u>, <u>reduce or control the adverse environmental</u> <u>effects of the project</u>, and may include restoration, compensation or replacement of any damages or impacts.

(D) Determination of Significance

A determination of the significance of the environmental effects, taking into account appropriate mitigation measures if applicable. Mitigation measures are intended to prevent or reduce any potentially negative effects. The abbreviations used are:

N/S - effect not significant, or rendered insignificant with mitigation

SP - significant positive effect

SN - significant negative effect

U - outcome unknown or cannot be predicted, even with mitigation.

	ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES - SUMMARY						
(A) Key Project Activities		(B) Potential Environmental Effect(s)	(C) (D) Mitigation Measures				
1	Clearing and grubbing of new landfill area and areas to be disturbed	a) Minor loss of vegetation b) Potential for soil erosion c) Dust	a) Smallest possible area will be cleared b) Can prevent by limiting maximum area to be exposed, limiting delays, providing temporary drainage and buffers between project area and water bodies. Limiting work during spring thaw period c) Limit exposed area. Use water to control dust				
2	Expansion of the existing landfill adjacent to the existing one. Construction of berms 3 m high (2 m above grade and 1 m below grade)	a) Potential for soil erosion b) Noise c) Minimal odours d) Dust	a) Can prevent by limiting maximum area to be exposed, limiting delays, providing temporary drainage and buffers between project area and water bodies. Limit work during spring thaw period b) Activities to be scheduled to avoid sensitive times for people and animals c) Activities to be scheduled to avoid sensitive times for people and animals d) Limit exposed area and use water to control dust				
3	Construct a hazardous waste depot for waste oil, batteries and other waste not suitable for landfill	a) Very minor loss of vegetation b) Noise c) Dust	a) Smallest possible area will be cleared b) Activities to be scheduled to avoid sensitive times for people and animals c) Limit exposed area and use water to control dust				

EN\	ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS AND MITIGATION MEASURES - SUMMARY						
(A) Key Project Activities		(B) Potential Environmental Effect(s)		(C) Mitigation Measures		(D)	
4	Installation of necessary ditches to improve drainage	a)	Minor loss of vegetation Potential for soil erosion	a) b)	Area cleared is small. Can prevent by limiting maximum area to be exposed, limiting delays, providing temporary drainage and buffers between project area and water bodies	N/P	
5.	Install a thin layer of soil over the existing waste	a)	Potential for soil erosion	а)	Can prevent by limiting maximum area to be exposed, limiting delays, providing temporary drainage and buffers between project area and water bodies. Limit work during spring thaw period	N/P	
		b)	Noise	b)	Activities to be scheduled to avoid sensitive times for people and animals.		
	TOTAL PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY	c)	Dust	c)	Limit exposed area and use water to control dust		

8) CUMULATIVE EFFECTS ASSESSMENT

The natural environment is interconnected, and does not recognize project boundaries or lines on maps. The impacts caused by one project, which may be considered minor and insignificant on their own, combined with other environmental impacts from other projects or developments planned or already underway in the area. Together, these impacts may combine to become significant, and adverse. The consideration and assessment of these "cumulative" effects is therefore an important part of the environmental assessment process.

The following table should be completed to help identify the potential for cumulative effects, and to assess their significance (e.g. N/S - not significant; SP - significant positive effect; SN - significant negative effect; U - unknown, unable to assess).

(A)	(B)	(C)
Other projects or developments planned, or underway in the area	Potential Cumulative Effects: The potentially adverse impacts of this Project; which could combine with those from the other projects identified in (A)	Mitigation Measures needed to effectively manage or prevent any cumulative, adverse effects; and Significance of residual impacts after mitigation (N/S, SP, SN, U)
Waste water treatment facility expansion is proposed approximately 200 m west of the site.	Both the wastewater treatment lagoon and the landfill site already exist at these locations. Upgrades to the existing wastewater treatment facility will involve similar activities of earth moving and construction. Cumulative impacts are expected to be minimal	This project will improve existing conditions as well as reduce existing cumulative impacts. No mitigation required. (NP)
No other projects anticipated within 1 kilometre of the site.	Not applicable	Not Applicable.

9) SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

Assuming that all mitigation measures are implemented as proposed in Sections 7 and 8, the following effects are predicted for the Valued Ecosystem Components identified in Section 6:

(N/S not significant; SP significant positive effect; SN significant negative effect; U unknown; N/A not applicable)

VALUED ECOSYSTEM	Sumi	mary o	f Effect	s (ched	comments	
COMPONENT	N/S	SP	SN	U	N/A	
Topography/terrain	Ÿ				in the state of th	
Soil/geology	1				A	
Aquatic sediment/substrate		V				
Surface water		V				
Groundwater		٧				
Air quality		V				
Vegetation	V					
Wetlands	V					
Fish & fish habitat	1					
Migratory birds	V				And the second s	
Other fauna	V					
Special habitat					√	
Sensitive areas					٧ .	
Human health and safety		V				
Traditional land use activities			:		1	
Aesthetics	V					
Archaeological resources					V	
Specially-designated areas					V	
Screening Report Completed	by:					

Screening Report Completed by:	
Jim Walls	March 10, 2006
Name and signature	Date

10) CEAA SCREENING DECISION								
[C	00]	DECISION PENDING. Assessment not final.						
√ [o·	1]	PROJECT MAY PROCEED. All potentially adverse effects are mitigable with known technology, and therefore will be rendered insignificant (CEAA s. 20(1)(a)).						
[02	2]	PROJECT MAY NOT PROCEED. The project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects that cannot be justified in the circumstances (CEAA s. 20(1)(b)).						
[O3	3]	ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT IS TO BE REFERRED TO THE MINISTER FOR MEDIATION OR A REVIEW PANEL, since it is uncertain whether the project is likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects (CEAA s. 20(1)(c)(i)); significant public concern has been raised, warranting a referral to a mediator or a review panel (CEAA s. 20(1)(c)(ii)); and/or public concerns warrant a reference to a mediator or a review panel (CEAA s. 20(1)(c)(iii)).						
Reviewed	Reviewed and Recommended by:							
Representative of Council, or designate (name & signature)			Date					
INAC Environmental Officer (name & signature)			Date					
Other Federal RA(s) (specify details)			Date					
			INAC USE ONLY					
SCREENING DECISION by LEAD RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY (enter code):								
Approved I	by:							
INAC Respo	Date							

11) KEY REFERENCES & SOURCES

Nuna Burnside Engineering and Environmental Ltd., "Schematic Design for the Improvements to the Wastewater Lagoon and Solid Waste Disposal Facility, The Hamlet of Kugiuktuk, Nunavut", December 2005. (file: N-O 09755/FOE 09754)

More detailed references are provided in the above report.

12) LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Detailed Design Report listed above.

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Appendix J AMEC Geotechnical Analysis



SEWAGE LAGOON AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES KUGLUKTUK, NUNAVUT

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