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July 18, 2002

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Subject: Municipality of Pangnirtung Water Licence Renewal Application

Dear Mr. Roy,

Thank you for your e-mail of July 8, 2002, providing Health Canada with notification, in accordance with the *Regulations Respecting the Coordination by Federal Authorities of Environmental Assessment Procedures and Requirements*, that an environmental assessment (EA) of the aforementioned project will be conducted.

We have reviewed the information submitted and have determined that Health Canada would not require an EA under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA) and is therefore not a Responsible Authority in accordance with the Act.

The Department, however, has scientific health information and knowledge in a number of areas which could possibly, but not necessarily, be of assistance in the environmental assessment being conducted. Examples of the areas of expertise available include:

- air, water, food and soil quality guidelines/standards;
- drinking water and sewage management;
- toxicology (multimedia - air, water, soil, food);
- environmental and occupational toxicology;

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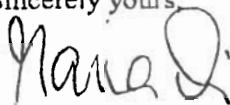
- health promotion in the workplace;
- epidemiology;
- food chemical safety;
- health risk assessment and risk management;
- community health (First Nations); and
- radiation protection (ionizing and non-ionizing, including impacts of noise on human health);

This list should not be considered an exhaustive one, but rather a sample of Health Canada's areas of expertise. The responsibility for First Nation's health and well-being was transferred to the Government of the Northwest Territories in 1988 (when Nunavut was still part of NWT) and therefore, we assume that the appropriate authorities from the Territory will be involved to ensure that concerns relating to this issue will be identified. Health Canada, however, is responsible for the health and well-being of all Canadians and it is in this spirit in which we may be of assistance.

Pursuant to subsection 12(3) of the CEAA, Health Canada would be pleased to provide relevant information and knowledge at our disposal. We do, however, ask that the Responsible Authority (RA) be specific as to the health issue they wish to be addressed should any potential health concerns be identified (particularly if they are in the fields previously mentioned) with respect to the aforementioned project. Should the RA identify a particular health issue, we would be more than willing to assist in any way possible.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (613) 952-8712.

Sincerely yours,



Maria Ooi
EA Coordinator - Nunavut Region