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Via email: pang_sao@qiniq.com
Ron Mongeau, Senior Administrative Officer
Hamlet of Pangnirtung

Dear Mr. Mongeau:

Re: Emergency dumping of sewage into Duvall River

Further to your request for the emergency dumping of sewage into the Duvall River, our department recognizes that Pangnirtung is presently facing an emergency situation that could threaten the health and safety of residents. The collapse of bridge infrastructure due to flooding has resulted in the need to deposit sewage in the Duvall River downstream from the affected bridge. As this is an emergency situation, we will not be taking enforcement action relating to the Hamlet's adherence to the direction recently issued by the Chief Medical Officer of Health for the deposition of sewage in the Duvall River. Our office would expect to revisit this decision and the current situation in Pangnirtung in 48 hours to determine appropriate next steps.

The deposition of sewage into the Duvall River, even on an emergency basis, does not comply with the terms and conditions of the Hamlet of Pangnirtung's past water license, number NWB39AN027. For this reason, we encourage you to contact the Nunavut Water Board as soon as possible to discuss an emergency renewal and amendment of the water licence to accommodate the possibility of undertaking further extraordinary measures to respond to the collapse of bridge infrastructure and associated limited access to water and waste water facilities in Pangnirtung.

By copy of this letter, I am informing the Nunavut Water Board, Government of Nunavut and Environment Canada of the present situation.

Sincerely,

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Inspector – INAC

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