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Mr. Gordon Wray  
Chairman  
Northwest Territories Water Board  
9th Floor, Precambrian Bldg.,  
P.O. Box 1500  
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2R3

Dear Mr. Wray:

**RE:   HAMLET OF POND INLET - MUNICIPAL WATER LICENCE APPLICATION  
- LEVEL 1 ENVIRONMENTAL SCREENING (TYPE "B" LICENCE)**

I am pleased to inform you that pursuant to Section 5 of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (1992), Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has conducted an environmental review of the Hamlet of Pond Inlet's water use and waste disposal facilities, as described in the Water Licence application originally submitted to the Northwest Territories Water Board on September 06 1994. Additional drawings were requested, which were submitted in February 1996, at which time screening and licence development were initiated.

The project proposal was reviewed by Water Resources Division's interagency, Environmental Screening Committee. Based upon the results of this screening and consultation process, including consideration of any potential accidents, malfunctions or cumulative environmental effects that the project might have in this area, INAC has concluded that this project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

It is recommended that the current application be allowed to proceed through the regulatory process, as the new waste facilities will substantially alleviate the environmental and health concerns raised relating to the previous facilities and practices. However, it is recommended that any additional mitigation measures proposed also be reviewed, and incorporated into appropriate terms and conditions of the licence. It is our understanding that development of this licence will be left for the new Nunavut Water Board.

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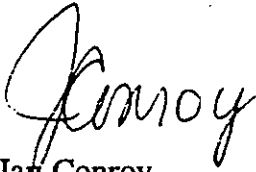
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If the Water Board concurs, please sign the attached screening summary form and advise the applicant of the CEAA recommendation in writing, and return copies to Water Resources Division for its records.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 669-2651. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jan Conroy  
A/Regional Manager  
Water Resources Division

Encl

cc: D. Livingstone, Director, RR & E  
Nunavut District