

Mittimatalik Hunters' & Trappers' Organization

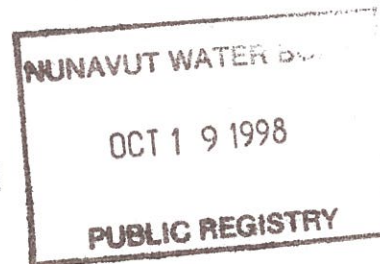
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Chairperson,
Nunavut Water Board
P. O. Box 119
Gjor Haven, NT XOE 1JO

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Re: Municipal Water use & Waste Disposal
File No. NWB3PON




To whom it may concern:

Attached is our submission to your Board in regards to our concerns and comments respecting the above which will be tabled within next few weeks.

Although, we believe the sewage which is drained and released to the sea is "minimal", however, it is imperative that the system can be and should be 'improved' to minimize the amount of quantity of toxic and chemical substances. We have reason to believe that there are other substances that are already in the sea from foreign countries in which we have limited control over.

We would appreciate your support and endeavour in this important concern and for the sake of next generation. If you should have any questions or need further information regarding our submission, please call us, thank you.

Yours truly;


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Chairperson,
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**Re: Municipal water use and Waste disposal,
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The Board of Directors of the Mittimatalik Hunters' and Trappers' Organization would like to and is submitting the following concerns and comments on the subject in question:

Install fencing around the water lake or reservoir

In the past, the water lake had been tampered with by bringing a dog to the lake which drown right into the lake. The lake is also used for ski-doo riding or joyriding in which the fumes and odor from the exhaust or muffler creates and left unwanted pollutants. The community of Pond Inlet is rapidly growing and even with the legislations and regulations in restricting the access to the water lake may and will not be as effective, as it shows in the past. If the water lake / reservoir is fenced then all the substances and garbage consuming activities will be eliminated.

Proper Drainage for Sewage Lagoon

There are two sets of drainage systems in place, one on the edge of the berm which can be used for overflowing and the other, on half way from the bottom and top of the edge of the berm which could only be operated and handled using manpower. Once the sewage waste is drained, all of the contents and volume is drained into the sea, regardless, toxic chemical or sewage liquid, although, it may be small in quantity, but it should be restricted to make it minimal as possible.

When the sewage lagoon was drained, all kinds of material wastes from the old lagoon was discharged into the sea, it is desirable to leave some part of the toxic waste inland, not into the sea, to minimize the concentrates of toxic chemicals in the sea. We believe that nobody knows how toxic or bad the contents are in the sewage or chemicals, but still, fraction of it can if not already entered the food chain.

It has been visible and noticable that during the past two or three years, the greater number and the frequency of arctic cods in front of the community and they are the main

food source to the majority of the sea mammals which we, as human beings and Inuit in particular, depend on.

We the Mittimatalik Hunters' and Trappers' Organization strongly urge all those concerned to install proper and environmentally friendly system of sewage drainage.

Respectfully submitted.