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September 21, 2001

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Dear Wade,

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Public Registry

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SEWAGE LAGOON REPAIR & WASTE OIL DECOMMISSION

The Hamlet of Pond Inlet is very concerned about the upcoming cold weather and the fact that we are mandated to ensure that we have adequate sewage dumping facilities prior to September 30th.

The Hamlet of Pond Inlet with the Department of Community Government and Public Works have been trying to get some feedback from you in regards to the above for two weeks. According to Nunavut Water Board we have been approved for an amended water licence to dump sewage into the Kittinguyak (Qetiinuya) Gully this coming winter as an alternate site until a new lagoon is constructed and in use. But they made a provision that we should request a comment or concern from your department prior to using this site. The Department of Community Government & Transportation with Public Works have been trying to get this comment then from your office.

We have also been trying to find out if it would be acceptable to land farm the waste oil cell for decommissioning but have not received any word to date.

From the Inspector's Directive we are mandated to complete these projects September 30th and we are getting very anxious as we only have one week. As no comments were forthcoming there were some decisions made to try and alleviate the work required. Public Works has contracted out construction of the road to the Gully and is now in the process to ensure that temporary sewage dumping area is in use as soon as possible.

We have removed all the oil from the waste oil site with absorbers and contained the sludge within the lining of the waste oil cell. As well we dumped contaminated gravel on top of the liner. We have contained all the waste oil in barrels and plan to place them on top of the cell until further instructions are received. We hope to add uncontaminated gravel to the cell pit to ensure that the possible "pond" does not occur again next spring.

I would really appreciate your comments on these issues as soon as possible so we can ensure that we are abiding by the Inspector's Directive.

I would appreciate an expedient reply to our request.

Sincerely,

Rhoda Katsak

Senior Administrative Officer

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