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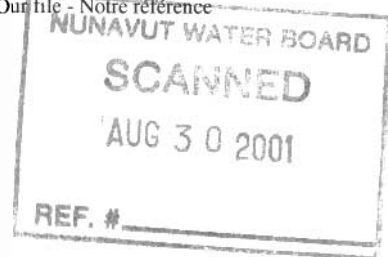
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### Comments on Pond Inlet's Application for Amendment to Sewage Treatment Facility

On behalf of the Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), I am pleased to submit our comments on Pond Inlet's application for an amendment to Water Licence NWB3PON9904 dated August 8, 2001.

Our main concern deals with the fact that "Qeetenujah" is, for the moment, an non-impacted area. Admittedly, the runoff from the solid waste disposal area also flows down "Qeetenujah," but this is nowhere near as significant as dumping raw sewage directly into the area for an entire year. The planned new sewage lagoon effluent will also be draining in this area, but again, this will be treated sewage from the new lagoon, not raw sewage. We therefore believe that dumping raw sewage in "Qeetenujah" should be avoided if at all possible.

We would instead suggest to attempt to continue to use the current lagoon as much as possible to provide some form of retention for the sewage. Even a sewage lagoon at less than half capacity with a valve permanently open is better than dumping raw sewage. To help maintain structural integrity, perhaps the berm can be reinforced by increasing its thickness by a few more feet. Although we do not expect this to solve the problem, it could be a temporary solution that might help hold the berm together until the new sewage lagoon is operational. Also, will the shortly arriving winter temperatures freeze the berm and reinforce its strength? If it can survive the winter, a rapid decant during the spring will once again lower the head and reduce the pressure on the berm.

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