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RE: NWB3RAN / NWB3GRA - Hamlet of Rankin Inlet

On behalf of Environment Canada, I have reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned application. The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to Environment Canada's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, Section 36(3) of the Fisheries Act, and the Migratory Birds Convention Act.

The Hamlet of Rankin Inlet and the Department of Public Works and Services, Government of Nunavut have applied for two separate water licenses to operate a solid waste disposal facility (Hamlet of Rankin Inlet) and a water treatment and sewage treatment facility (Government of Nunavut). Due to concerns raised during the technical review of the water license application originally submitted by the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet on November 30, 2001, the Nunavut Water Board has determined that the most appropriate action would be to divide the project between the two governments.

If as stated in the NWB notice, this is strictly an administrative change with no changes to the technical information previously reviewed, Environment Canada has no further comments to offer at this time in addition to any conditions and recommendations outlined in previous communications.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4639 or by email at colette.meloche@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

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