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N4L3-1571 (expired)

September 27, 2001.

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July 23, 2001 Municipal Water Use Inspection - Report

Firstly, I wish to thank Joadamee Amagoalik and Keith Adams for their much appreciated time and assistance provided during the tour of the Hamlet's water use and waste disposal facilities. Attached for your records is the Municipal Water Use Inspection Report pertaining to the July 23, 2001 inspection; no major concerns were identified at the municipal facilities. However, the following considerations were nonetheless noted:

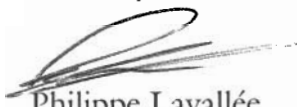
- **Water supply:** No concerns were noted at the well-kept Char Lake water intake facility, where pending upgrades should eliminate the need to maintain constant bleeds in order to prevent conveyance line freeze-ups. Further, the attached analytical results relating to a sample collected from Surveillance Network Station (SNP) station 1571-1 indicate that the raw water meets the *Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality* for all tested parameters.
- **Sewage disposal:** Even if somewhat crude, it appears that the filtering provided by the tumbling screens at the sewage treatment plant significantly contributes to the treatment of sewage effluent prior to its discharge to receiving waters. Indeed, the attached analytical results relating to a sample collected from SNP station 1571-3 (figure 1) meet all tested parameters of the *Canadian Water Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Freshwater Aquatic Life*, and of the now expired Water licence N4L3-1571. Moreover, the Microtox sample, which constitutes a reliable toxicity indicator (IC₅₀), did not attribute toxicity to the discharged sewage effluent.
- **Solid waste disposal:** Although household waste appears well burnt/compacted and is annually covered, a significant amount of exposed waste nevertheless lines the toe of the unfenced solid waste disposal facility (figure 2). However, in light of the absence of observable leachate flowing from the site, the impact of the facility on receiving waters appears relatively minimal.

In related matters, concerns were voiced during the inspection in regards to the work undertaken at the location of a proposed replacement solid waste disposal facility (figure 3). Accordingly, the Inspector wishes to remind Community Government and Transportation (CG&T) that relevant information ought to be provided to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) prior to the commissioning of a facility which may potentially bring about the deposit of waste into waters. Also, as Licensee of Water licence N4L3-1571, the Hamlet is bound to submit to the NWB an Abandonment and Restoration (A&R) plan at least six (6) months before abandoning a waste disposal facility.

- **Non-compliance of Act or Licence:** Although reminders and assistance have been provided, the Hamlet has yet to produce an Operation and Management (O&M) plan for its municipal waste disposal facilities, as well as 1998 and 1999 Annual Reports. In addition, by allowing its Water licence to lapse into expiry since 1999/06/30, the Hamlet's municipal water use and waste disposal are currently unlicensed, contrary to requirements of both the *Northwest Territories Waters Act* and the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*. While the Inspector acknowledges that the Hamlet's somewhat restricted resources might already be overburdened, the above licencing issues must be addressed in a timely manner, and not only once all other municipal considerations will have been seen to.

Please feel free to contact me at (867) 975-4298 or lavalleep@inac.gc.ca should any questions/comments arise.

Sincerely,



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INAC, Nunavut District

- c.c. - Nunavut Water Board, Gjoa Haven
- DPW&H, Resolute (Neil MacDonald)
 - CG&T, Iqaluit (Doug Sitland)
 - Baffin Health & Social Services, Iqaluit (Shaun Mackie)
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MUNICIPAL WATER USE INSPECTION FORM

Date: 2001/07/23 Licensee Rep. (Name/Title): Joadamee Amagoalik / Building Maintainer
Keith Adams / DPW&H

Licensee: Hamlet of Resolute Bay Licence No.: N4L3-1571 (expired)

WATER SUPPLY

Source(s): Char Lake

Quantity used: intake meter @ 23 010 269

Owner:/Operator: GN

Indicate: A - Acceptable U - Unacceptable NA - Not Applicable NI - Not Inspected
Intake Facilities: A Storage Structure: NA Treatment Systems: A Chemical Storage: A
Flow Meas. Device: A Convey. Lines: A Pumping Stations: A

Comments: Water intake facility well-kept. Water use reportedly constant at approximately 33 000 gallons per day; roughly translating to 55 000 m³ annually. Expecting a timed-valve system on the summer's sealift; will improve line freeze-up prevention while decreasing water consumption. Minimal chlorination in use.

WASTE DISPOSAL

Sewage: Sewage Treatment System (Prim./Sec/Ter.): primary; filtered discharge to ocean

Natural Water Body: Continuous Discharge (land or water): x

Seasonal Discharge: Wetlands Treatment: Trench:

Solid Waste: Owner/Operator: GN/Hamlet

Landfill: Burn & Landfill: x Other:

Indicate: A - Acceptable U - Unacceptable NA - Not Applicable NI - Not Inspected
Discharge Quality: sampled Decant Structure: NA Erosion: A
Discharge Meas. Device: none Dyke Inspection: NA Seepages: A
Dams, Dykes: NA Freeboard: NA Spills: none reported
Construction: NA O&M Plan: U A&R Plan: U
Periods of Discharge: A Effluent Discharge Rate: not measured

Comments: All but a couple of housing units are connected to the utilidor system. Sewage effluent is filtered prior to discharge. Little apparent segregation of waste occurs at the unfenced solid waste disposal facility. Although the burnt/compacted wastepile is covered annually, a notable amount of waste is nonetheless exposed along the toe of the dump. Third party handles, and disposes of, hazardous materials and waste oils. Trickling flow heard from the toe of the dump, but no surface runoff could be observed. Operation and Maintenance (O&M) plan for municipal waste disposal facilities not submitted. Abandonment and Restoration (A&R) plan for the solid waste disposal facility not provided although work on a replacement site has been undertaken.

FUEL STORAGE

Owner/Operator:

Indicate: A - Acceptable U - Unacceptable NA - Not Applicable NI - Not Inspected
Berms & Liners: Water within Berms: Evidence of Leaks:
Drainage Pipes: Pump Station & Catchment Berm:
Pipeline Condition: Not Applicable: x Condition of Tanks:

SURVEILLANCE NETWORK PROGRAM (SNP)

Samples Collected Hamlet: none

INAC: raw water (1571-1), sewage discharge (1571-3)

Signs Posted SNP: none Warning: none

Records & Reporting: no licence renewal application; 1998 / 1999 Annual Reports; O&M / A&R plans

Geotechnical Inspection: not applicable

Non-Compliance of Act or Licence: Water licence N4L3-1571 allowed to lapse into expiry since 1999/06/30. 1998 and 1999 Annual Reports as well O&M plan not submitted: respectively due by 1999/03/31, 2000/03/31, and 1999/12/30. No A&R yet provided for the solid waste disposal facility.

Philippe Lavallée

Inspector's Name

Inspector's Signature



figure 1. Sewage discharge into Resolute Bay, SNP station 1571-3; 2001/07/23.



figure 2. Toe of the current solid waste disposal facility; 2001/07/23.



figure 3. Fence erected at the proposed location of the new dump; 2001/07/23.

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- CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS -

Prepared For: DIAND District Office : Nunavut DIAND Operations

Attn: Philippe Lavallee

Sample ID: Raw Water 1571-1

Taiga Sample ID: 211691

Client Project:

Sample Type: sewage

Received Date: 26-Jul-01

Location: Resolute Bay

Sampling Date: 23-Jul-01

Report Status: Final

Approved by:

Lab Section	Test Parameter	Result	Units	Detection Limit	Analysis Date
Major Ions	Chloride	9.6	mg/L	0.2	01-Aug-01
	Sodium	7.13	mg/L	0.02	26-Jul-01
	Sulphate	<3	mg/L	3	08-Aug-01
Nutrients	Ammonia as N	<0.005	mg/L	0.005	10-Aug-01
	Nitrate+Nitrite as N	<0.008	mg/L	0.008	09-Aug-01
Physicals	Colour	<5		5	27-Jul-01
	Solids, Total Dissolved	113	mg/L	10	21-Aug-01
Total Metals	Arsenic	<1.0	µg/L	1.0	31-Jul-01
	Cadmium	<0.3	µg/L	0.3	01-Aug-01
	Chromium	<3	µg/L	3	01-Aug-01
	Cobalt	<1	µg/L	1	01-Aug-01
	Copper	<2	µg/L	2	01-Aug-01
	Iron	<30	µg/L	30	27-Jul-01



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Total Metals	Lead	<1	µg/L	1	01-Aug-01
	Manganese	<1	µg/L	1	01-Aug-01
	Mercury	<0.01	µg/L	0.01	03-Aug-01
	Nickel	<1	µg/L	1	01-Aug-01
	Zinc	<10	µg/L	10	01-Aug-01

Field Data (01/07/23) 1571-1

Temperature: 8.5 °C

Conductivity: 162 µS/cm

pH: 8.0

Time: 11:35



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- CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS -

Prepared For: DIAND District Office : Nunavut DIAND Operations

Attn: Philippe Lavallee

Sample ID: Sewage Discharge 1571-3

Taiga Sample ID: 211692

Client Project:

Sample Type: water

Received Date: 26-Jul-01

Location: Resolute Bay

Sampling Date: 23-Jul-01

Report Status: Final

Approved by:

Lab Section	Test Parameter	Result	Units	Detection Limit	Analysis Date	Data Qualifier
Nutrients	Ammonia as N	1.87	mg/L	0.005	21-Aug-01	
	Nitrate+Nitrite as N	1.44	mg/L	0.008	09-Aug-01	
	Phosphorous, Total	0.388	mg/L	0.004	10-Aug-01	
Organic	Phenols		µg/L	0.5	22-Aug-01	10
Physicals	Solids, Total Suspended	13	mg/L	3	13-Aug-01	

Data Qualifier Descriptions:

10 Analyst error, unable to repeat measurement

Field Data (01/07/23) 1571-3

Temperature: 7.0 °C

Conductivity: 341 µS/cm

pH: 8.4

Time: 10:50

REPORT OF TOXICITY USING MICROTOX

COMPANY/LOCATION: Resolute Bay Sewage Discharge - 1571 - 3

Sample Collected By: Philippe Lavallee

Date/Time Sampled: July 23, 2001

Date/Time Received: July 26, 2001

Date/Time Test Start: July 26, 2001

Sample Type: Elutriate

Sampling Method: Grab

Method: *Environment Canada Laboratories SOP#830.0 Revision 1, for Microtox Testing in Compliance with November 1992: Biological Test Method: Toxicity Test Using Luminescent Bacteria Photobacterium phosphoreum), November 1992, EPS 1/RM/24.*

RESULTS: NON TOXIC at 45% Concentration

TEST ORGANISMS:

Species: *Vibrio fisheri* (Photobacterium phosphoreum)

Test Apparatus: Model 500 Analyzer

TEST SUBSTANCE/CONDITIONS

pH of Sample: 7.8

Sample Appearance: Clear, no colour adjustment

Lot # of OAS: OSA007
(Osmotic Adjusting Solution)

Lot # of Reconstitution Solution: RSN099Y

Lot # of Diluent: DIL034L

TEST METHODS AND CONDITIONS

Test Start Date/Time: July 26, 2001 / 12:09 PM

Test Method: Basic 45% Test, 15 minute incubation.

QUALITY CONTROL

Reference Toxicant: Zinc Sulfate Standard

Analyst: Wade Romanko - EPB

Date of Test: July 26, 2001

Reagent Lot #: ACV023-3

IC₅₀ - 15 minutes mg/L: 3.8 mg/L

IC₅₀ Confidence Range: 2.7 to 5.4 mg/L

TEST ANALYST: Wade Romanko

INITIAL: WR