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Hello Joe,

The following is the account of the fuel leak at the Resolute Bay Airport. You may contact the mechanic (Sylvain Grimard) at (450) 479- 6510. If you have any other questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Take Care,

Pat

To whom it may concern,

The fuel leak at Resolute Bay Airport was discovered on or about November 28, 2008. Terry (?), the plane re-fueller who works for Aziz Kheraj, reported the problem when there was not enough fuel pressure in the hose to put fuel in the planes.

The mechanic, Sylvain Grimard, was sent to find the problem. The following is from a signed statement given to me by Mr. Grimard on December 13, 2008.

***"Morgan (another of Aziz Kheraj's employees) and I were sent out to the airport to find the leak at the pumping station. When we got there, oil was on the ground around the buildings. The oil covered an area 60 feet by 30 feet and was about four inches deep. We fixed a small leak in the hose reel. I went to the pump-house to close the valve and found a stream of oil about 1.5 to 2 inches in diameter leaking from near the pump. The leak was hitting the ceiling in the pump-house. I shut off the valve and fixed the leak the next morning".***

***"While I was fixing the main leak the next morning, Morgan stepped on the drain pipe from the filter and broke it. This leaked about 45 gallons (200 litres) more oil on the floor. I had to install a cork gasket as I didn't have proper gasket material".***

***"On December 13, I had to put more absorbent material on the ground to pick up more oil that had seeped out of the ground. I also pumped a barrel of oil from the pit. These barrels of fuel are used in the loaders (owned by Aziz Kheraj)".***

Mr. Grimard is a certified mechanic who worked exclusively for Aziz Kheraj in Resolute Bay.

About thirty truckloads of contaminated snow was hauled from the spill area to the Resolute Bay dump and piled about 200 feet from the ocean. The intention was to burn the pile, but they couldn't get it going as the oil was congregating at the bottom of the pile. If the pile of contaminated snow is left where it is, the fuel will all seep into the ocean this spring.

Another twelve loads of contaminated snow was hauled to the dump by loader about December 8 and placed at the west end of the existing pile. There is about 350-400 cubic metres currently piled at the dump.

There is a very large discrepancy in the size of the spill as reported by various individuals. The official report filed by Aziz Kheraj states that there was only 50-70 litres of fuel spilled while the first truck driver who hauled contaminated snow to the dump told people at the Hamlet that there was about 1500 litres spilled. When discussing the spill with Mr. Grimard and Morgan, Terry (the re-fueller) told them that there were 81,000 litres of fuel involved in the leak.

I went to the airport on December 9, 2008 to see the situation. There was still fuel in the low spots surrounding the pump-house and new snow had been placed under the outside lines to soak up new fuel coming from the ground.

Pat McNamara

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## Richard Dwyer

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**From:** Joe Amarualik [landofficer2@qia.ca]  
**Sent:** Monday, December 15, 2008 9:45 AM  
**To:** 'Richard Dwyer'  
**Subject:** \*\* SPAM \*\* RE: 80,000 litre fuel spill

Hello Richard,

Andrew Kiem and Jimmy Noble are heading up to Resolute this afternoon to conduct an investigation.

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**From:** Richard Dwyer [mailto:licensingadmin@nunavutwaterboard.org]  
**Sent:** December 15, 2008 11:30 AM  
**To:** 'Joe Amarualik'  
**Cc:** dts@nunavutwaterboard.org; 'Deon Bridge'; 'Don Carr'; 'Phyllis Beaulieu'  
**Subject:** RE: 80,000 litre fuel spill

Hi Joe;

This is the first I or anyone else at the Nunavut Water Board were made aware of this spill.

Regards,

Richard Dwyer  
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**From:** Joe Amarualik [mailto:landofficer2@qia.ca]  
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**To:** 'Richard Dwyer'; 'Roy, Bhabesh'  
**Cc:** 'CGS Simon Wiles'; 'CGS-Patricio Fuentes'; 'CLEY Julie Ross'; 'DFO-Amy Liu'; 'DFO-Bradley Flynn'; 'DFO-Gary Cooper'; 'DFO-Julian Lim'; 'EC-Stacey Lambert'; 'GN-DOE Earle Baddaloo'; 'GN-DOE Froydis Reinhart'; 'GN-DOE Helen Yeh'; 'GN-DOE Josh Gladstone'; 'GN-DOE Mike Mifflin'; 'GN-DOE Robert Eno'; 'GN-HSS Peter Workman'; 'INAC Andrea Cull'; 'INAC-Andrew Keim'; 'INAC-Carl McLean'; 'INAC-Iqaluit David Abernethy'; 'INAC-Iqaluit Peter Kusugak'; 'INAC-Kevin Buck'; 'INAC-Spencer Dewar'; 'INAC-Tanya Trenholm'; 'INAC-Water Ian Rumbolt'; 'JUSTICE CANADA-Gavin Willins'; 'JUSTICE CANADA-Ken Landa'; 'NAM-Lewis Gidzinski'; 'NIRB-Leslie Payette'; 'NPC Annie Ollie'; 'NPC Bobby Suluk'; 'NPC Brian Aglukark'; 'NPC Jayko Aooloo'; 'NPC Tommy Owljoot'; 'NTI Carson Gillis'; 'NTI George Hakongak'; 'NTI Jeannie Ehaloak'; 'NTI Keith Morrison'; 'NWB Director Technical Services'; 'NWB Don Carr'; 'NWB-Deon Bridge'; 'NWMB-Joe Justus'; 'NWMB-Paul Frame'; 'PC-Jane Chisholm'; 'QIK-Health Wanda Joy'; 'QIK-IA Joe Amagoalik'; 'QIK-IA Matthew Akavak'; 'QIK-IA Stephen Bathory'; 'QIK-IA,

Lands Salamonie Shoo'; 'Rosemary Kilpatrick'  
**Subject:** \*\* SPAM \*\* 80,000 litre fuel spill  
**Importance:** High

Hello everyone,

Is anyone aware of 80,000 litres of jet fuel being spilled in the community of Resolute Bay sometime within the last couple of weeks? There was an attempted clean up without a report being filed to the proper authorities, the contaminated snow was dumped at the local land fill. Meanwhile the employees (whistleblowers) who reported the incident have since been fired. When spring thaw comes some of those 80,000 litres are going straight to a fresh water lake that drains into another fresh water lake that Resolute residents depend on for drinking, meanwhile the dumped snow at the landfill ends up in the ocean, the land fill being about two hundred metres from shore.

Has anyone else been contacted?

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**From:** Richard Dwyer [mailto:[licensingadmin@nunavutwaterboard.org](mailto:licensingadmin@nunavutwaterboard.org)]

**Sent:** December 12, 2008 4:34 PM

**To:** 'Roy, Bhabesh'

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**Subject:** 3BM-ARC0810 Applicant Response to Comments

Good afternoon;

Attached are applicant's response to comments received, distributed for your information.

Regards,

Richard Dwyer  
Licensing Administrator  
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