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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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File No.: 8AC-ALT----

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To: Alert Distribution List

Re: Closure of the Public Hearing Record in Respect of the Type “A” Water Licence Application 8AC-ALT---- to Replace Expired Water Licence No. 3BC-ALT1015; by the Canadian Forces Station Alert Project; Department of National Defence.

Dear Parties,

This correspondence provides advice and direction regarding next steps in the Nunavut Water Board’s (NWB or Board) processing of the Type “A” Water Licence 8AC-ALT---- Application, an application received by the Board from the Department of National Defence (DND or Applicant) on September 9, 2015 to replace an expired water licence No. 3BC-ALT1015 (the Application). The Application seeks authorization to continue the use of water and deposit of wastes associated with a military and research Undertaking classified as “Other” under the *Nunavut Water Regulations*¹ at the Canadian Forces Station Alert (CFS Alert) Project. The Board’s direction reflects the Board’s receipt of final written submissions from the Applicant on August 22, 2019, and from the interveners, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA) and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) on September 27, 2019, outlining:

- all technical issues discussed during their review of the Application;
- identifying outstanding technical issues;
- identifying technical issues that have been resolved amongst the parties during the Board’s review of the Application; and
- providing information regarding terms and conditions that could be included if the NWB recommends that a Type “A” Water Licence be granted as requested in the Application.

On September 30, 2019, by email correspondence, the DND confirmed the Applicant has no additional information to submit in response to the final written submissions of the Intervenors.

¹ *Nunavut Water Regulations*, SOR/2013-69, Schedule 1.

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On this basis, the Board has decided that all information required for the NWB to consider the Application has now been filed and the Board will consider the Application submitted by the DND and technical written submissions filed to date by CIRNA and ECCC.

The Board has placed this information on its public registry and all materials filed with the Board to date will comprise the Hearing Record for the NWB's file in respect of the DND's Application. Access to this information is available through the NWB's ftp site using the following link:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/8%20MISCELLANEOUS/8A/8AC%20-%20Camp/8AC-ALT----%20New%20DND/>

The Board wishes to advise all interested parties that the Hearing Record for the NWB's Public Hearing, conducted in writing, to consider the DND's Type "A" Water Licence Application 8AC-ALT---- associated with CFS Alert is now **CLOSED**. Accordingly, no additional evidence in respect of the Application may be filed with the Board and the Hearing Record will consist solely of the documentation filed on or in advance of the Hearing date, September 27, 2019.

Now that the Hearing Record has closed, the Application has been remitted to the Panel who will, in due course (typically within 30-45 days), issue a Decision Report to the Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs. In the Decision Report, the NWB will provide a recommendation to the Minister regarding whether or not to grant a Type "A" Water Licence as requested by the Applicant to replace expired Licence No. 3BC-ALT1015. If the Board's decision is to recommend that a Type "A" Water Licence be issued, the Board will also attach a copy of the Water Licence to the Decision Report for the review of the Minister.

Now that the Panel is engaged in deliberations, the Board will not provide any further comment regarding the Application until the Board publicly issues the Panel's decision. In closing, the Board extends its thanks to the Applicant, CIRNA and ECCC for their participation during the NWB's consideration of this Application, including providing the Board with technical review comments, identifying concerns and issues during the teleconference Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference and working together to address issues that arose during the licensing process.

Regards,

NUNAVUT WATER BOARD

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