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Via email at: licensing@nwb-oen.ca

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Dear Mr. Kharatyan:

RE: 8AC-ALT---- – Department of National Defence – Alert Project – Response to Proponent's Information Request Responses

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has reviewed the information submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) regarding the above-mentioned information request responses and is submitting comments via email as requested by NWB. ECCC's specialist advice is provided based on our mandate, in the context of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, the pollution prevention provisions of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

The following comment is provided:

1. ECCC notes that the Proponent's responses to ECCC's information requests references data collected in 2016 and a study the Proponent was going to undertake in July and August of 2017 (results would be available fall/winter of 2017). Although the letter was dated February 9, 2017, ECCC did not receive these responses until recently.

Due to the delay in receiving the Proponent's responses, ECCC requests that the Proponent provide the current status of the study referenced in information request #2. In addition, ECCC requests that the Proponent provide updated data for the 2016 numbers provided in the information requests responses (i.e. provide the 2017 data).

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 669-4733 or Melissa.Pinto@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

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