



## **Water Licence Application for the Canadian Forces Station Alert Project Renewal for 8AC-ALT----**

The Department of National Defense has applied to renew and amend its water licence for the Canadian Forces Station Alert Project. The camp at Alert on Ellesmere Island in the Qikiqtani Region can house up to 400 people and includes several landfills, a terraced sewage treatment area and bulk fuel storage tanks. They are requesting authorization to draw 875 m<sup>3</sup>/day from Upper Dumbell Lake.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada reviewed the application and submitted comments and recommendations to the Nunavut Water Board. The four principal topics we would like to discuss at the technical meeting are:

1. Site water management – what berms, ditches and snow moving methods are used to keep surface water clean and away from infrastructure;
2. Sludge management – how sewage sludge is accumulating at the terraced treatment area and how it will be handled;
3. Fuel management – more details on measures taken to prevent fuel spills;
4. Closure and reclamation – plans for the landfills that are no longer in use.

The Department of National Defense has already addressed many of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's concerns. We are confident we can resolve our remaining concerns through discussions at the technical meeting.

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