



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

Canadian Forces Station (CFS) Alert is a Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) station located on the North-Eastern tip of Ellesmere Island, Nunavut. CFS Alert was established as a Joint-CF experimental wireless station in 1956. CFS Alert currently consists of 91 buildings. There are 19 major structures in the core complex. Most of the buildings on station were built between 1960 and 1998, totaling approximately 22,500m² of infrastructure area.

The Department of National Defence (DND), in conjunction with the Nunavut Water Board (NWB), Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) have been working towards the Amendment & Renewal of the 8AC-ALT---- water licence for CFS Alert, Nunavut. The former NWB licence 3BC-ALT1015 expired on July 31, 2015, with an original Amendment & Renewal Application first submitted on 07 April 2014, retracted on 17 September 2015, and then updated with an Amendment & Renewal Application package dated 08 September 2015.

In response to the CIRNAC and ECCC outstanding comments (June 18, 2019), DND is providing responses with the expectation to move forward within realistic timelines to address deficiencies identified as outstanding:

- Sewage Terrace/Packing Plant related contracting / data collection will take place from year 2020-2023. Once completed, development of the project plans will be coordinated between years 2023-2024 and planned implementation in 2025;
- DND is supportive and will revise the Spill Contingency Plan during the next revision opportunity for greater details on our fuel management activities;
- DND is supportive in ECCC/CIRNAC request and will increase sampling requirements of the current sewage terrace in order to satisfy the future negotiated parameters; and,
- DND will update current documents to include CIRNAC Inspector contact information.

DND - 8 Wing Trenton Environmental Management Office is committed to work with the NWB, CIRNAC, ECCC, and all northern regulatory partners; we are committed to minimizing our Environmental footprint while continuing our operations in the North.