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Canada**Summary of Request for Land Reserve at Eureka, Nunavut**

The Eureka Arctic Stratospheric Ozone Laboratory (ASTRO) was constructed back in 1992 on lands situated on Skull Point for the purpose of studying stratospheric chemistry related to the destruction of stratospheric ozone.

It has been part of a global observing network called the Network for the Detection of Stratospheric Change (NDSC). The Lab was built under a temporary land use permit from INAC with the intention of entering into a formal permanent agreement for occupancy of the lands upon completion by way of a land reserve.

Although Environment Canada (EC) continued to occupy the lands in question, due to an oversight, a permanent land reserve was never pursued and the lands continue to be held by the department of Indian and Northern Affairs (INAC).

In order to formalize this occupancy and to ensure the continuation of the operation of the observatory laboratory for the purpose of studying the ozone, Environment Canada is now applying for the Land Reservation for the land area which consists of a two hundred (200) meter buffer on either side of the road to the lab, plus one hundred (100) hectares surrounding the observatory building.

The approximate area of land under application is three hundred and eighty (380) hectares.

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