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Via electronic mail to: licensing@nwb.nunavut.ca

## Re: NWB4EUR9904 - 2005 Application Renewal

On behalf of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), I would like to thank the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for the opportunity to provide comments on the 2005 renewal application for a type "B" water licence for the Eureka High Arctic Weather Station. The application was presented by Environment Canada (the Licencee) on behalf of the Eureka High Arctic Weather Station.

A review of the application was conducted by Water Resources. The following comments are offered:

- 1. The most notable issue with the application is in regard to the Environmental Emergency Response Plan. The plan submitted is lacking several important components, including the correct telephone number for the spill report line. It is recommended that before the application is approved, the licencee provide an effective emergency response plan. Consultation with the *GN-Spill Contingency Planning and Reporting Guidelines* would provide assistance.
- 2. There is an omission from the Supplementary Questionnaire for Municipalities. Under the Solid Waste Disposal heading, item 7, the proponent is requested to submit a plan or indicate changes and include an implementation schedule for any changes in the solid waste facility. The proponent noted that the new landfill strategy will be available in January 2005, but no plan was included. We suggest that the Licencee provide an outline of the planned changes to solid waste facilities. We also request that the NWB froward the information to the interested parties for review before the application proceeds.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.



## Best regards,

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