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Subject: Feedback on SSTLs for Eureka High Arctic Weather Station Remediation

Dear Mr. Hunter,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed remediation approach and the application of site-specific target levels (SSTLs) for Environment and Climate Change Canada's (ECCC) planned remediation of the Eureka High Arctic Weather Station (HAWS). The Government of Nunavut (GN) Department of Environment (ENV) has carefully reviewed the comments submitted by Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) and fully concurs with their assessment.

ENV wishes to reiterate the concerns raised in our previous correspondence, dated September 9, 2024. In that letter, the GN clearly expressed its objections to the SSTLs presented in the 2022 Human Health and Environmental Risk Assessment (HHERA). ENV strongly maintains that these SSTLs are not appropriate for the project's context.

Additionally, ENV continues to support the use of land farms as a viable method for treating hydrocarbon-contaminated soil. It is imperative that this treatment method achieves the approved required target levels before soils are deposited in areas without adequate containment measures. Ensuring that proper thresholds are met is essential to minimize environmental risks and safeguard public health in the long term.

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We look forward to continued collaboration with ECCC to address these critical concerns and ensure that remediation efforts at HAWS are both effective and environmentally responsible.

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