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Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's Review of the Licence Response to CIRNAC and GN-ENV Comment Letters to use Site Specific Target Levels for Remediation Amendment Application for Eureka High Arctic Weather Station, Type A Water Licence No. 8AC-EUR2331

Dear Richard,

Thank you for the January 13, 2025 invitation to review the *Response to CIRNAC and GN-ENC Comment Letters dated December 3, 2024, regarding the ECCC Request to use Site Specific Target Levels for Remediation Submitted June 26, 2024*, submitted by Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), for Type A Water Licence No. 8AC-EUR2331.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) examined the application pursuant to its mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Act*.

CIRNAC does not, at this time, support ECCC's request for the board to approve ECCC's decision to move forward with requesting dramatically adjusted Specific Target Levels for Remediation (SSTL) for Eureka's High Arctic Weather Station. It is concerning that the proposal could lead to elevated discharge levels that may impact local water quality, that the proposed changes could last indefinitely, and finally increase costs associated with the eventual abandonment and reclamation of the site in the future. The Government of Nunavut Department of Environment echoes many of CIRNAC's concerns, and does not agree with ECCC's decision to move forward with the SSTL request. CIRNAC differs to the Nunavut Water Board for direction.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at (867) 975-3877 or Joyce.Demers@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca or Andrew Keim at (867) 975-4550 or Andrew.Keim@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joyce Demers".

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