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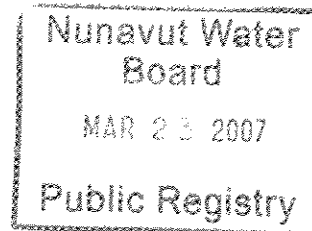
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Dear Sir:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your Direction received via Mr. Kevin Robertson's email dated 2 March 2007. In that same message, you indicated that a registered letter would be sent to this office giving us formal notice; to date we have not received the referenced letter.

Let me assure you, the Department of National Defence, North Warning System Office (NWSO) recognizes the seriousness of the situation. As you are aware, our operations and maintenance contractor, Nasittuq Corporation, is contractually responsible for the care, custody and control of the Brevoort Island site and all other NWSO sites for that matter, including the direct responsibility for clean-up of any spills to the satisfaction of DND and the Regulators.

In response to your email we would like to report on the immediate actions being taken. Nasittuq has already secured the services of an expert environmental consultant Jacques Whitford to delineate the fuel plume. We understand that this subcontractor is moving personnel to Iqaluit on 07 March 2007 and then, as weather permits, to the site. As part of our due diligence as the Departmental representative, we have contracted with Environmental Services Group to monitor on-site the actions of the Nasittuq contractor carrying out the delineation and developing the clean up plan in accordance with the Direction from your office.

Personnel safety and an effective clean-up program is contingent on a carefully constructed delineation plan and a methodical approach to site delineation. As you are aware, at BAF-3 the weather is problematic and the topography is steep and dangerous. The delineation team needs a reasonable amount of time to familiarize themselves with site conditions and develop a delineation plan that is both effective and safe for all personnel. To accomplish these tasks within the timeframes indicated

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in the Direction is simply not humanly feasible and, accordingly, we ask that your office consider a 3-week extension to the dates for completion of the delineation and provision of a comprehensive clean up plan as noted in the Direction. Your favorable consideration of this extension to the original deadlines would still make it possible to ensure the effective clean up of the site prior to spring freshet, which usually occurs in early June at BAF-3.

We will also take measures to ensure that you get a weekly report on progress on ongoing work and that you as well as other regulators may visit the site as required.

NWSO is actively engaged in the monitoring of the level of effort as it relates to this spill. We fully expect that Nasittuq's efforts and demonstrated performance in delineating, containing and cleaning up the fuel spill will be in compliance with applicable laws.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M.A.R. Beaton', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

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