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**Re: Department of National Defence- Amendment Application- Type B Water Licence
NWB6FOH0409 FOX-M Project**

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned application. The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to Environment Canada's mandated responsibilities under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

The Department of National Defence (DND) is applying to extend their existing water licence for the FOX-M Dewar Lakes Project NWB6FOH0409 (3BC-FOH409), for a period of three months. The extension is requested until September 1, 2009 and will have no changes to the current terms and conditions of the existing water license. Currently, the Nunavut Water Board (Board) is in the process of reviewing an application made by Nasittuq Corporation (Nasittuq) to assume responsibility of DND's existing water licence. This extension will allow for the existing license to remain in effect during the Board's review of the new Nasittuq application. Comments regarding the new Nasittuq application were submitted by R. Bujold of Environment Canada on March 2, 2009.

Environment Canada has no issues with the extension request to the existing land use permit, as long as the proponent remains in compliance with all terms and conditions under the existing water license.

If there are any changes in the proposed project, EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4631 or by email at carrie.spavor@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

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