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REF: Inspector's Direction issued on August 26th, 2013.

Mr. Gupta,

I have reviewed your submitted response to the Inspector's Direction issued to the Government of Nunavut's Petroleum Products Division of the Department of Community and Government Services (PPD), received by this office by E-mail on September 18th, 2013.

I note that in compliance with the issued Direction and to meet the requirement of **item (d)**, the submission of a plan by September 30th 2013, PPD has submitted this Plan to be reviewed by the Inspector.

In addition to the above and as detailed within Inspector's Direction, to be accepted by the Inspector the following requirements must be met;

Item (a); to rectify existing Non-compliance, and

Item (b); the removal from within 30 meters of water the 200 Plus drums of Gasoline currently located on the shore line of the Burnside River, and

Item (c); the removal of empty barrels brought in and sold by PPD to Bathurst Inlet lodge and others visiting and transiting through the area, and

Item (d); the submission of a Plan to be used to delineate and manage wastes generated by leaking barrels

PPD has submitted a plan that commits to the following actions being undertaken by the Government of Nunavut;

- In 2014 PPD will hire a consultant to visit the site, conduct an environmental assessment and review of the site; this will include the collection samples which will be analyzed to determine the extent of contamination. Based on the findings of the assessment the consultant will develop a Clean-up plan and submit that plan to the Government of Nunavut for implementation.
- PPD will seek to secure all regulatory approvals and permits required to undertake the clean up (December 2014)
- In 2015 PPD will action the remediation activities contained within the Plan including;
 - Awarding the contract to a suitable firm capable of carrying out the required cleanup work (May 2015)
 - Removal of the gasoline drums from within 30 meters of water and the removal from site of the empty barrels (June to August 2015)
 - Once removal has been completed sampling to determine the extent of any remaining contamination will be conducted by a consultant. (August 2015)



The Plan as submitted by PPD extends beyond the date set in the original Inspector's Direction for substantial completion of the above noted work.

PPD has submitted in their plan the extended timeline based on their stated inability to conduct this work within one fiscal year based on the number of projects and workload currently scheduled for the 2014 annum.

Based on this the Inspector has agreed to allow for an extension to the time period for completion of the work required to crush and remove the empty barrels and conduct on site sampling and cleanup activities in the Inspector's Direction until **September of 2015**.

However, the 200 drums of fuel (gasoline) sitting on the shoreline of the Burnside river pose a level of risk that is not acceptable to the Inspector. PPD will be required to have the barrels removed from within 30 meters of water and secured such that they pose no further threat to water. This work is to be completed by **September 2014** or PPD will be in Non-compliance with the issued Direction and subject to further enforcement actions being undertaken by AANDC.

A revised Inspector's Direction is attached to reflect the new date for compliance.

I look forward to reviewing your progress and continuing to work with PPD as you implement these plans and actions to solidify your success in achieving compliance with the legislation.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this acknowledgement please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

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Attached: Revised (compliance date) Inspector's Direction

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