

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES WATER BOARD
REASONS FOR DECISIONS
Issued Pursuant to Section 26 of
the Northwest Territories Waters Act, Chap. 39, R.S.A.

LICENCE NUMBER: N3L1-1710 (TYPE "B")

This is the decision of the Northwest Territories Water Board with respect to an application for a Licence dated November 24, 1997, made by:

Inuvialuit Petroleum Corporation
1100, 300 - 5th Avenue S.W.
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for: water use and waste disposal for industrial undertakings in oil and gas exploration and associated uses near Peter Lake, on the East Channel, Mackenzie River located at Latitude 68°45'N and Longitude 134°10'W, Northwest Territories.

With respect to this application, notice was given in accordance with Section 23 of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*. There was no Public Hearing held in connection with this application.

DECISION

After having been satisfied that the project had been screened pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, and that any potentially adverse environmental effects were insignificant or mitigable with known technology and, as such, the application could proceed through the regulatory process and after reviewing the submission of the Applicant and after reviewing the written comments received by the Board; the Board, having due regard to the facts and circumstances, the merits of the submissions made to it and to the purpose, scope and intent of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act* and Regulations made thereunder determined that:

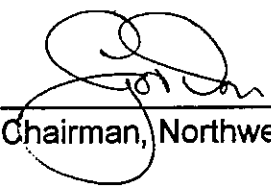
Licence Number N3L1-1710: be issued subject to the terms and conditions contained therein.

The Board's reasons for this decision are as follows:

1. There was no objection by any person to the issuance of the Licence.
2. Provided that the Licensee operates in accordance with the terms and conditions imposed by the Licence, the quality of water in any water body within the Licence area should not be impaired.
3. The use of water proposed by the Licensee is of a nature contemplated by the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*.

Licence Number N3L1-1710 contains provisions which the Board feels necessary to ensure and monitor compliance with the *Northwest Territories Waters Act* and the Regulations made thereunder and to provide appropriate safeguards in respect of the Applicant's use of the waters affected by the Licence. The Board will provide reasons for decision for any specific clause or clauses contained in the Licence if requested to do so in writing.

SIGNED this 30th day of January, 1998 on behalf of the Northwest Territories Water Board.



Chairman, Northwest Territories Water Board