



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT SCREENING COMMITTEE

August 11th, 2023

EISC Registry File: [08/23-02]

Lucy Kuptana
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Dear Lucy Kuptana:

Project Title: Water License Renewal

Proponent: Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk

Thank you for submitting to the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) your completed Project Summary Questionnaire (PSQ) for the above-named project. The EISC mandate is derived from the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA), section 11(36), which states that “no licence or approval shall be issued that would have the effect of permitting any proposed development to proceed unless the provisions of IFA section 11(36) have been complied with”. This compliance has the effect of requiring competent authorities to give notice of applications for licences, permits, or other authorizations, to the EISC. All applications for proposed development / research purposes must therefore be reviewed by the EISC to determine if they are to be subject to an environmental impact screening.

The EISC has reviewed your project summary and has determined that your project does meet the definition of development as defined under the Inuvialuit Final Agreement, but your project qualifies for an exemption from environmental impact screening under Exclusion Item # 1 of the EISC Guidelines. Exclusion Item # 1 reads:

“The extension of the term, renewal or amendment of an existing authorization, provided that the extension of term, renewal, or amendment would in the opinion of the Screening Committee not result in significant negative environmental impact or significant negative impact on wildlife harvesting, or alter the original decision of the Screening Committee regarding the development.”

If you have any questions regarding this decision, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at 1(867)777-2828, Extension 2139.

Sincerely,

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Intern, Environmental Impact Screening Committee

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August 25th, 2023

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Dear Mrs. Kuptana:

RE: EISC File# 08/23-02 Water License Renewal – Decision Clarification

The EISC considered the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk's Water License Renewal project submission on August 11th, 2023 and determined that the Project was not subject to further Environmental Impact Screening as it was eligible for exemption under EISC exclusion item #1, which states:

"The extension of the term, renewal or amendment of an existing authorization, provided that the extension of term, renewal, or amendment would in the opinion of the Screening Committee not result in significant negative environmental impact or significant negative impact on wildlife harvesting, or alter the original decision of the Screening Committee regarding the development."

To clarify, water license renewals for Hamlet waste and water operations are eligible for exemption under EISC exclusion item #1 of the EISC Guidelines as long as no significant changes to the water and/or waste facilities that could impact wildlife resources outside the municipal boundaries are being proposed. The EISC did not note any changes to the facilities or operations when reviewing the Project submission and the Project is therefore exempt from screening.

However, the EISC notes that the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk's application to the Inuvialuit Water Board is for a five-year period. As a result, the EISC's decision is limited to the proposed five-year term of the licence. The Hamlet will therefore be required to submit its 2028 water license renewal application to the EISC for its consideration when the time comes.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at 1(867) 620-0091.

Sincerely,

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