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**Subject: Health Canada's Response to EIRB's Information Request (March 8, 2012)**

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Dear Mr. Nasogaluak:

Please find below Health Canada's response to IR 86 as requested by the EIRB on March 8, 2012 in its letter to Kathleen Hedley, Director of Environmental Health Bureau, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch.

*1. Please describe the role of your department, agency, or organization with regard to monitoring health conditions and various aspects of community wellness in general and any efforts or activities that your department, agency or organization will be involved in to mitigate and monitor project-related effects.*

Health Canada contributes to two Northwest Territories environmental health research priorities: environmental contaminants, and climate change. HC provides funding to the Northern Contaminants Program and to the community-based Climate Change Adaptation Program for northern First Nations and Inuit. However, while Health Canada is providing funding to these research initiatives, it does not collect data generated by them.

Under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, Health Canada can provide expert advice as a Federal Authority, upon request, on project-related effects on human health and measures to mitigate these effects.

2. *Please provide information regarding what your department monitors, including the indicators and measurement parameters, the frequency of monitoring and reporting, and to whom the information is reported and made available.*

Health Canada's participation in environmental health monitoring in Northwest Territories is limited to funding research proposals. Therefore the research details are available only through the research funding recipients. Health Canada would be pleased, upon request, to facilitate contact with the funding recipients.

Thank you for providing Health Canada with the opportunity to respond to this information request. Should you have any questions concerning Health Canada's response or identify any other specific human health concerns with respect to this project, Health Canada would be pleased to provide expertise, upon request.

Please feel free to direct your questions or requests to the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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