

Northwest Territories Water Board

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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The Northwest Territories Water Board was established under the *Northern Inland Waters Act* and Regulations which was proclaimed in 1972.

Effective June 8, 1993, the *Northern Inland Waters Act* and Regulations were revoked and replaced by the *Northwest Territories Waters Act* and Regulations.

The Board consists of not less than three and not more than nine members appointed by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. It is made up of at least one nominee of each of the three departments of the Government of Canada that in the opinion of the Governor-in-Council are most directly concerned with the management of the water resources in the N.W.T., three members are at the Minister's discretion, and three members nominated by the Commissioner-in-Council of the N.W.T. The Water Board held its founding meeting in Yellowknife, NT, on April 18, 1972.

OVERALL RESPONSIBILITIES

The N.W.T. Water Board provides for the conservation, development and utilization of the water resources of the N.W.T. in a manner that will provide the optimum benefit of the waters for all Canadians and for the residents of the N.W.T. in particular. Under the Act an application must be made to the Board prior to the use of any waters or disposal of any water borne waste. The requirement for application applies equally to departments and agencies of the federal government. The only exclusions are the use of water for domestic purposes, for extinguishing a fire, or on an emergency basis, controlling or preventing a flood.

ORGANIZATION AND PROGRAMS

The Board is responsible for the water management of the inland waters of the N.W.T. as stated by the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*. Professional and technical staff have been provided by the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

A Technical Advisory Committee was established by the Board on October 17, 1973. This Committee provides a forum for the discussion of technical matters related to water use and waste disposal projects and licences. The Committee is chaired by the Board's Technical Advisor, and is composed of various federal and territorial government departments, agencies such as the N.W.T. Chamber of Mines, Association of Municipalities, hydro-electric and petroleum representatives, First Nations, Inuit, and special members on site specific licence reviews.

Administrative staff have been provided to assist the Board in carrying on its programs and activities. This staff is managed by the Executive Assistant and is located in the Board's office in Yellowknife.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM

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PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE

Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and Northern Development.

AUDITOR

Auditor General of Canada.