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June 27, 1996

Mr. Kevin O'Reilly
Northern Environmental Coalition
Canadian Arctic Resources Committee
#3 - 4807 49th Street
YELLOWKNIFE, NT X1A 3T5

Dear Mr. O'Reilly:

RE: CARC LETTER REGARDING THE BHP LICENCE APPLICATION

An Application was received, by the Water Board Office on March 22, 1996, from BHP Diamonds Inc. for a Type "A" licence. Section 21 of the Northwest Territories Waters Act prescribes that the Board shall give notice of a public hearing for all Type "A" licence applications. At this time, the Board would like to assure CARC that adhering to the terms and conditions of the Act and Regulations remains the standard practice of the Board. The Board is fully aware of the schedule related to this BHP Project, and intend to respect that schedule. We trust that this clarifies some of the uncertainty expressed in the May 9, 1996 letter.

Sincerely,

Gordon Wray
Chairperson
NWT Water Board

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RE: CARC Letter RE BHP Licence Application**

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