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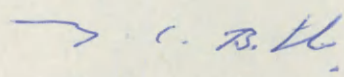
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ARSENIC POLLUTION - YELLOWKNIFE BAY

I wish to acknowledge your memorandum of December 24 on the above subject in which you enclosed a copy of correspondence exchanged between the Deputy Minister of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development and the Deputy Minister of Health.

Unfortunately, the regular monitoring of water in Yellowknife Bay was not carried out at the stipulated frequency due to sub-standard efficiency of the McKenzie Area Public Health Inspector at Yellowknife. The details of such monitoring were explained thoroughly with the Public Health Inspector and, when it was found that samples were not being taken with stipulated frequency, the Public Health Inspector was reminded of the necessity for sampling on five different occasions by telephone and once by memorandum. In an effort to correct these deficiencies, the Public Health Inspector is now taking daily samples at stipulated points.

The McKenzie Area Director recently (November 22, 1968) submitted a "disciplinary report" on the Public Health Inspector in question, Mr. M. F. Gillis. In addition, a letter of reprimand was sent to the employee pointing out his work deficiencies in so far as water sampling for arsenic was concerned as well as other matters indicative of sub-standard performance. Copies of these documents were mailed to the Chief of Staff Relations Division in Ottawa. We deeply regret the situation which has arisen as a result of the poor work performance of this employee. We believe you will agree that the discipline report and the letter of reprimand constituted necessary and sufficient follow-up.


Regional Director

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