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**Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated  
Carson Gillis, Director Dept. of Lands & Resources  
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**Re: Draft Uranium Policy**

Dear Mr. Gillis;

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to review the Draft Consultation Document on Uranium Policy.

The policy looks positive and appears to adopt a rational approach to regulating uranium development on Inuit owned lands; the background information was particularly useful and illuminating.

Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association (KAA), the Hamlet of Kugluktuk (Hamlet) and the residents of Kugluktuk have little understanding of the potential effects of uranium. The community is also not well versed in the process of uranium mining, Canadian Regulations pertaining to uranium mining, world treaties that affect the mining of uranium. A lot of myths and misconceptions about uranium mining and exploration have been circulating in the community for many years, thus the statement below.


The community of Kugluktuk has had a negative perception of uranium mining and exploration, especially when possible future mines are close to the watershed and tributaries of the Coppermine River. Kugluktukomiut rely on the Coppermine River as a source of food and drinking water. Several species of fish are harvested from the Coppermine River by residents who pursue a traditional lifestyle and rely on country food as a major part of their diet. The river is also the sole source for the community's drinking water and carries much emotional and spiritual relevance.

In short KAA, the Hamlet and the community of Kugluktuk need to be informed and educated about the positive and negative aspects of uranium mining.

Thus at this time we are not in a position to submit comments regarding the draft policy. We do request that the NTI Lands Policy Advisory Committee visit Kugluktuk and host a community consultation forum in order to inform the residents of the community about the policy.

After the community consultations we will be in a better position to comment on the draft policy document.

Sincerely,

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Jack Himiak, KAA Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Derrick Power", written in a cursive style.

Derrick Power, Mayor

Cc: Lands Manager, Jack Kaniak, Kitikmeot Inuit Assoc.