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Permission to incinerate waste and to build a warehouse at the Polish Polar Station in Hornsund.

Reference is made to your letter of 2005-10-20. In the letter your Polar Investment Specialist Mr. Krzysztof Adamski informs us about the plans for installing a waste incinerator at the Polish Polar Station in Hornsund. From the attachments we also understand that you are building a warehouse behind the power plant. The warehouse is replacing an older building located on the same site.

Incinerator

To incinerate waste on Svalbard one needs a permit from the Governor. This is stated in § 11 in "Regulations related to environmentally hazardous substances, waste and waste water (...) in Svalbard".

The incinerator that you intend to install in Hornsund is a TeamTec Marine Incinerator OG 120. The incinerator is certified to satisfy international requirements for marine incinerators, e.g. IMO-Marpol, U.S Federal Regulations for Shipboard Incinerators, and the European Marine Equipment Directive. These requirements are designed for maritime purposes, but the Governor finds that the incinerator will also meet any standards relevant for Hornsund. It is also reassuring for the Governor that an identical incinerator is in use at the Norwegian research station Troll in Antarctica.

Attached to your letter is also a research program to determine any effects on the environment from the incinerator. Any results from this monitoring will be of great interest for the Governor, and will be highly relevant for other parts of Svalbard.

Decision

The Governor of Svalbard grants the Institute of Geophysics Polish Academy of Sciences permission to incinerate waste in an incinerator as specified in the letter dated 2005-10-20, alternatively in an incinerator with equivalent efficiency and levels of emissions.



Warehouse

The warehouse also needs a permit, as stated in article V, chapter II, number 1, litra a in the regulations for the South Spitzbergen National Park, and also § 57-1- a) in the Svalbard Environmental Protection Act. The warehouse is partly built on the same location as an old shed, but it is larger than the previous building. Its exterior colours will be similar to the main building.

Decision

The Governor recognizes the need to build a warehouse at the station, and grants the Institute of Geophysics Polish Academy of Sciences permission to build a warehouse as specified in the letter dated 2005-10-20.

According to Norwegian law any complaints about this decision must be made within three weeks of receiving this letter. Complaints may be sent to the Governor.

These approvals completes the necessary formalities from Norwegian authorities. The Governor is very pleased with the modernisation of the Polish Polar Station in Hornsund in recent years, and finds the station to be excellently run and managed. You have our full consent to the plans presented in your latest letter.

Yours sincerely

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