



## **Media Update – Gasoline testing continues**

**Iqaluit, Nunavut (April 19, 2002)** – The two Polaris test snowmobiles left Rankin Inlet for Schultz Lake near Baker Lake today to begin the second stage of gasoline tests.

“These tests are important. The government is dedicating time and resources to address Nunavummiut’s concerns,” Public Works and Services Minister Peter Kattuk said today.

Stage two of the snowmobile testing will use untreated gasoline from the Baffin region (New York source) in one snowmobile. The other snowmobile will use gasoline from the Kitikmeot region (Strathcona, Alberta source).

Following the completion of stage two on April 29<sup>th</sup>, experts will combine detailed logs from stage one with stage two data to create a final report.

The Alberta Research Council continues to investigate gasoline concerns with additional lab analysis.

### **STAGE ONE - SNOWMOBILE TEST FACTS**

**Average Distanced Travelled**

800 miles (round trip pulling qamutik between Rankin Inlet and Baker Lake)

**Average Temperatures**

-18°

**Average Engine Operation**

45 hours

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