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- The Governor is facing a tough budget situation the coming year, and it will surely influence our activity in different ways. It seems very clear that our annual field inspector service will drop out, and our chance to support others with logistic and economic support will also be affected. But we believe 2090 will be an exception and are much more optimistic when it comes to 2010.
- With the end of IPY the Governor sees a more complex situation in treating science projects for the future, since we believe the science activity will expand and with more unpredictable time limits. We have already received signals of projects to be prolonged, like in Kinnvika, and the discussion of what is wanted and not is going on – but on a general level. The Governor awaits the Government's White paper in spring with expectation and hope it helps us out with better “map & compass” for permission management.
- The Governor sends 11th December this year out a letter to the Norwegian scientific environments to inform about changes in our bureaucratic routines and demands, addressing in special:
 - From 1th January 2009 the Governor will demand RiS-registration on scientists and projects before treating applications concerning scientific activity. The RiS-number will be made compatible with the Governor's case administration, and also follow the travel notification and log registration of AIRLIFT when helicopter is involved.
 - Travel notification will be demanded from visiting scientists operating outside Area 10.
 - Rules concerning handling and overwintering of equipment and fuel will be more strict and the Governor's permissions more precise on these items

Equivalent letter will be sent in English and Russian to corresponding scientific environments over the weekend, and also presented on our web site.

- From 1th February 2009 the Governor plans to have a operative guide for scientists that need the Governor's permission in any way. The SSF guidelines are a good mould, and in the establishing process in January scientific environments will be involved.

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