



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 07YN019

Project Name: The “An Investigation of the Sensitivity of High Arctic Permafrost to Climate Change” project
Proponent Name: McGill University – Wayne Pollard
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani (North Baffin)
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 124692
Comment Deadline: **September 12, 2016**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “An Investigation of the Sensitivity of High Arctic Permafrost to Climate Change” project is located within the North Baffin region, approximately 5 kilometres (km) from Resolute Bay. The Proponent intends to conduct land, vegetation, and permafrost studies, as well as research training activities, adjacent to Resolute Bay. The program is proposed to take place from 2016 to 2019. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Mapping of permafrost, groundwater, group ice
- The establishment of temporary camps on Axel Heiberg Island and Ellesmere Island; and utilization of Environment Canada’s station in Eureka along with the existing camp on Ellesmere Island and use of accommodations and facilities at PCSP
- Use of research equipment including surveying levels, ground probes, global positioning systems, and ground-penetrating radars
- Access to local research and training sites on foot or by all-terrain vehicles

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: 07YN019 to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via www.nirb.ca. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Davin St. Pierre, Technical Advisor II toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or dstpierre@nirb.ca.