



NIRB File No.: 17UN025
NPC File No.: 148456

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Jackie Barker
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Sent via email: jackie.barker@tc.gc.ca

Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding Transport Canada's "Former Iqaluit Metal Dump Remediation" project proposal

Dear Jackie Barker:

On February 20, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Transport Canada's (TC) "Former Iqaluit Metal Dump Remediation" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). On March 21, 2017 the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by April 11, 2017.

On or before April 11, 2017 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Government of Nunavut
- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada

All comment submissions received by the NIRB relating to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Former Iqaluit Metal Dump Remediation
- NIRB File No.: 17UN025
- Application No.: 125089

A *summary* of the public concerns reflected in the comment submissions relate to the following:

Landfill Design

- Detailed rationale for the proposed landfill design is required including for the proposed use of aggregate material and grading as the primary method to prevent infiltration of surface water.

- No information provided on the compaction rates or permeability to prevent moisture from entering the landfill.

Spill Contingency Plan

- Lack of information in the Spill Contingency Plan regarding how potential spills during excavation of buried materials and equipment will be managed.

The NIRB would like to provide TC with an opportunity to address the comments noted above prior to the Board rendering its determination for this screening assessment and issuing its subsequent Screening Decision Report to the responsible Minister(s). The NIRB respectfully requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **April 27, 2017**.

If TC determines that the time required to supply a written response is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca, or through the online public registry at www.nirb.ca.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4616 or kboaantwi@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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