



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 16yn048

Project Name: The “**Impacts of Air pollution on Terrestrial and Aquatic Ecosystems**” project
Proponent Name: Trent University
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 148510
Comment Deadline: **June 19, 2017**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Impacts of Air Pollution on Terrestrial and Aquatic Ecosystems on Baffin Island” project is located within the Qikiqtani (North Baffin) region, a number of sample sites up to 100 kilometres (km) from Pond Inlet, and continued sampling as previously approved up to 25 km north northwest of Iqaluit and 100 km northwest of Kimmirut. The Proponent intends to conduct chemical analysis of surface water, moss, and soil samples to assess potential impacts of air pollution in Pond Inlet in addition to the sampling previously approved in Kimmirut and Iqaluit. The program is proposed to take place from August to September 2017. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- The use of either helicopter or foot to transport personnel and equipment from Pond Inlet to study sites
- Collection of all wastes for disposal at appropriate municipal facilities
- Use of fuel to facilitate transportation operations provided by Polar Continental Shelf program at Pond Inlet Airport
- Accommodations and use of facilities for up to two (2) personnel at the hotel in Pond Inlet

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: 16YN048 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 Talia Maksagak, Junior Technical Advisor toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or tmaksagak@nirb.ca.