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**Re: Notice of Screening for Arctic Research Foundation's "CAT-TRAIN:  
Canadian Arctic Tidal Transect Research and Infrastructure Network"  
project proposal**

Dear Ms. Thompson,

On February 8, 2018, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the Arctic Research Foundation's "CAT-TRAIN: Canadian Arctic Tidal Transect Research and Infrastructure Network" project proposal. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has reviewed the project proposal and related documents, and offers the response below as pertains to the NIRB's request.

**Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal:**

In most of the project application documents submitted to the NIRB ("*Project Application 125210 as of 2018-02-06*"; "*CAT-TRAIN Permitting Application 2018*"; and "*CAT-TRAIN Spill Contingency Plan*"), the Arctic Research Foundation (Proponent) notes that human waste produced during the deployment and removal of the mobile laboratories will be returned for disposal at local facilities in Cambridge Bay. However, the document "*Summary of Modifications*" notes that composting toilets will be used at the temporary structures (mobile shipping container laboratories). As INAC understands this screening pertains only to the deployment and removal of the mobile laboratories, it was assumed that the Proponent will abide by its proposed mitigation measure of returning waste for disposal at local facilities. In the event that the composting toilets are used during the deployment or removal of the laboratories, INAC would recommend the Proponent ensure that any composted sewage is disposed of at least thirty-one (31) meters away from any waterbody.



INAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further review phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Julia Prokopick at (867) 975-4567 or by e-mail at [julia.prokopick@canada.ca](mailto:julia.prokopick@canada.ca).

Sincerely,

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