



**NIRB File No.: 17XN070**  
NPC File No.: 148652

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**Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding Quilliq Energy Corporation's "Iqaluit Bulk Fuel Storage Tank Farm Upgrade" project proposal**

Dear Maurice Guimond:

On December 11, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Quilliq Energy Corporation's (QEC) "Iqaluit Power Plant Bulk Fuel Storage Upgrade" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). On January 30, 2018 the NIRB received QEC's online application form through the NIRB's public registry, and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (NuPPAA).

On January 31, 2018 the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by February 21, 2018. On or before February 21, 2018 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)

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](http://www.nirb.ca) by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Iqaluit Power Plant Bulk Fuel Storage Farm Upgrade
- NIRB File No.: 17XN070
- Application No.: 125250

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

- Project has the potential to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat.
- Limited information provided regarding waterbodies, fish and fish habitat in reference to water withdrawal in order to assess the impacts to nearby aquatic species.
- Concern with respect to the quality of water to be discharged upon completion of hydrostatic testing and recommended testing of water quality to ensure compliance with the Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act.
- Rates of discharge of test water should be managed and monitored to minimize sediment erosion, disturbance, and discharge into the ocean.
- No detailed records provided on community engagement/consultation activities undertaken.

The NIRB would like to provide QEC 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 **March 9, 2018**.

If QEC 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](mailto:info@nirb.ca), or through the online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca).

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at 867-983-4607 or [sthompson@nirb.ca](mailto:sthompson@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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