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Dear Ms. Copland,

This is in response to your letter of May 18, 2018, addressed to the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, regarding the screening decision of the Nunavut Impact Review Board for Polar Knowledge Canada for its "Permafrost Dynamics in Response to Climate Change on Victoria Island, Nunavut" Project Proposal, Kitikmeot Region, Nunavut (NIRB 18YN020, NPC 148796).

Under section 92(1) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, the Nunavut Impact Review Board must submit a written report to the responsible Minister. The Nunavut Impact Review Board has recommended, pursuant to paragraph 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, that a review of the project is not required. The Nunavut Impact Review Board has also recommended specific terms and conditions that are appropriate for this project. On the Minister's behalf, I agree that a review of the project is not required and pursuant to 93(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* that the assessment of the project has been completed and the proponent may carry out the project, subject to s. 74(f) and the proponent obtaining any licence, permit or other authorization required by law. I would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board for its diligence in reviewing this proposal.

In order to expedite the issuance of regulatory authorizations, it is important that the appropriate regulatory authorities are advised of the Nunavut Impact Review Board screening decisions. For this reason, I appreciate your efforts to copy the Land Administration Unit of the Department's Nunavut regional office on this and other screening decisions.

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Should you have questions or concerns regarding my reply, please do not hesitate to contact Tracey McCaie, Manager, Land Administration, Nunavut Region, at (867) 975-4280.

Respectfully,



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