



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 23YN016

Project Name: The “Inuit Qaujisarnirmut Pilirijjutit on Arctic Shipping Risks in Inuit Nunangat” project

Proponent Name: University of Ottawa

Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani, Kitikmeot and Kivalliq Regions

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125789

Comment Deadline: **July 31, 2023**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Inuit Qaujisarnirmut Pilirijjutit on Arctic Shipping Risks in Inuit Nunangat” project is located within the Qikiqtani, Kitikmeot and Kivalliq regions, Pond Inlet, Arctic Bay, Grise Fiord, Resolute Bay, Arviat, Cambridge Bay, Gjoa Haven, Kugluktuk. The Proponent intends to conduct water, air, and sediment sampling in Nunavut waters to determine the impact of shipping. The program is proposed to take place from 2023 to 2025. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Sampling of air, water, and sediment while transiting the Northwest Passage
- Community-based air, water and sediment sampling in Pond Inlet and Arviat in 2023 and 2024

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **23YN016** 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 Keith Morrison, Manager, Impact Assessment toll-free at (867) 983-4617 or kmorrison@nirb.ca.