



# NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 24YN028

Project Name: The “An Updated View of the Oceanographic Conditions in the northern Canadian Arctic” project

Proponent Name: University of Manitoba

Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani Region

Public Registry: [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) Application No.: 125971

Comment Deadline: **July 18, 2024**

## PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “An Updated View of the Oceanographic Conditions in the northern Canadian Arctic” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, approximately 100 kilometres (km) from Grise Fiord and Resolute Bay. The Proponent intends to provide an updated view of the oceanographic conditions in the northern Canadian Arctic by deploying sampling equipment on the ice to continuously monitor the oceanographic and sea ice conditions in the area throughout winter. The program is proposed to take place from 2024 to 2025. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of the Coast Guard vessel CCGS Des Groseilliers during its annual re-supply trip to Eureka for transit and research purposes
- Use of snowmobiles to access sampling sites during the winter
- Use of a helicopter to access sampling sites during spring
- Use of ice augers to sample the ice and sample the underlying ocean

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **24YN028** 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](http://www.nirb.ca).** Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto: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 Tundra Kuliktana, Screening Officer toll-free at (867) 983-4612 or [tkuliktana@nirb.ca](mailto:tkuliktana@nirb.ca).