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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Lisa Pirie, Caroline Whittle, Luis Manzo, Carson Gillis, Richard Dwyer, and Ryan Bernesky:

**RE: NPC File No. 150400 [McConnell (Kuugaarjuk) Migratory Bird Sanctuary - Environmental Site Assessment]**

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. Amendment to Environmental Site Assessment activities: Site-Cleanup / Remediation activities at the former wildlife research facility and surrounding area in McConnell (Kuugaarjuk) Migratory Bird Sanctuary.
2. Summary of modifications to original proposal:
  - a. Remediation activities including demolition, site cleanup, and waste removal following Environmental Site Assessment
3. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
  - a. 16 days over period 6 August to 30 September 2024
  - b. 6 personnel for a total of 96 person-days

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4. Associated NPC File Nos.: 148557, 148935, 149148, and 150118; Associated NIRB File No.: 17YN055
5. Location: Kivalliq Region; [McConnell (Kuugaarjuk) Migratory Bird Sanctuary, approximately 40 km southwest of Arviat]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal, including environmental site assessment activities, and a conformity determination was issued on 27 June 2023 which still applies. It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP) and the Proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, G, and H of the KRLUP. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 17YN055).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the original proposal because of the inclusion of remediation activities. It requires screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the *Nunavut Agreement* as amended because it is for a component or activity that was not part of the original proposal, and its inclusion is a significant modification of the project.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:  
<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150400>.

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA) to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the NuPPAA.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



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