

## **PIN C BERNARD HARBOUR SITE REMEDIATION PROJECT**

### **Non-Technical Summary – Project Description**

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) plans to complete an environmental clean-up project of the PIN-C, Bernard Harbour Former Intermediate Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line site. The site is located in the Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut, on the shores of Dolphin and Union Strait (68.781824°N, 114.832372°W). The hamlet of Kugluktuk is the nearest community located approximately 100 km south of the site.

The site was constructed in 1958 and subsequently abandoned in 1963. CIRNAC became the custodian of the Site in 1965. A limited cleanup program was completed in 1985 on behalf of the Department of National Defense (DND), Environment Canada (ECCC), and CIRNAC. During the program, the former POL tanks at the Main Station and Beach, equipment, and hazardous materials were removed from the site.

The proposed project is the result of multiple years of assessment (1995-2022) and remediation activities that were completed at the site since its abandonment. The objective of the project is to demolish old buildings and structures, remove all remaining hazardous and non-hazardous debris, contaminated soil, and dispose of materials at offsite facilities. Some contaminated soil will also be treated on-site during the project.

It is assumed that the project will take 2 seasons to complete with site work occurring from approximately late August 2025 to September 30, 2025, and June 2, 2026 to September 15, 2026. Access to the site will be by sealift/barge and air. A temporary seasonal camp will be set-up at the site for project personnel. It is anticipated that the project will require approximately 25 people to be on site at various stages to complete the cleanup activities.

Throughout the project a strong working relationship will be developed and maintained with the nearby community of Kugluktuk. Community engagement sessions will be held with stakeholders and community members throughout the project.

Successful completion of the clean-up project will improve conditions at the former DEW Line site so there will be no unacceptable risks to human health or the ecological environment and no future monitoring requirements.