



GRAYS BAY ROAD AND PORT PROJECT

KITIKMEOT COMMUNITIES ENGAGEMENT PLAN

EARLY PERMITTING/IMPACT ASSESSMENT PHASE

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Summary

The *Kitikmeot Communities Engagement Plan* outlines who West Kitikmeot Resources Corp. (WKR) will talk to about the Grays Bay Road and Port Project, how information will be shared and how feedback will be incorporated into project planning and design. WKR is committed to building positive long-term relationships with Kitikmeot communities and carrying out meaningful engagement regarding the Grays Bay Road and Port Project.

Revision Table

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Abbreviations

IAG	Inuit Advisory Group
KIA	Kitikmeot Inuit Association
km.....	kilometer
NIRB.....	Nunavut Impact Review Board
The Company	West Kitikmeot Resources Corp
The Plan	Kitikmeot Communities Engagement Plan
The Project	Grays Bay Road and Port Project
WKR	West Kitikmeot Resources Corp

Glossary

Engagement	Engagement is a broad process of two-way communication with Kitikmeot communities throughout the life of the Project through a variety of activities and communication methods, with an emphasis on building positive long-term relationships in the communities.
Engagement Lead	Designated main point of contact for WKR engagement.
Community Members	Collectively known in the Kitikmeot Communities Engagement Plan as interested and potentially affected members of potentially affected Kitikmeot communities.
Kitikmeot Inuit Association	A not-for-profit designated Inuit organization with community-elected leadership representing Inuit of the Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut. Their goal is to support Kitikmeot Inuit, providing them with more educational, employment, and business opportunities (KIA 2024).
Kitikmeot Region	The most western region of the Nunavut territory. It consists of the southern and eastern parts of Victoria Island with the adjacent part of the mainland and includes five permanent communities of: Cambridge Bay, Gjoa Haven, Kugaaruk, Kugluktuk and Taloyoak.
Potentially affected communities	Communities that are expected to be eco-systematically or socio-economically influenced by the Project.

1 Introduction

West Kitikmeot Resources Corp. (WKR; the Company) is an Inuit-owned, Inuit-led company, based in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut. WKR is primarily focused on the advancement of the Grays Bay Road and Port Project (the Project). The Company's largest shareholder is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA).

The Project is proposed as multi-user, multi-use transportation infrastructure to be located on a combination of Inuit Owned Land and Crown land in the Kitikmeot Region of western Nunavut. Subject to approval, the Project would result in the establishment of the first deep-water port in the Canadian Central Arctic at Grays Bay, as well as a 230 kilometre (km) all-season access road between Grays Bay and Jericho station near Contwoyto Lake. The Project will connect to the already approved Tibbitt to Contwoyto Winter Road (TCWR). The multi-user, multi-use Project would allow for the establishment of shared infrastructure with many potential users including the federal and territorial governments, communities, community members, resource companies, and defence agencies.

1.1 Purpose

WKR engages with interested and potentially affected members of Kitikmeot communities (Community Members) to:

- Ensure the Project rationale, proposed design, key components and impacts (including relevant mitigation measures) are fully understood by Community Members over time;
- Receive input to improve, alter or beneficially modify proposed design and components;
- Understand Community Members' interests and concerns; and
- Jointly resolve Community Members' concerns where possible.

The objectives of this Kitikmeot Communities Engagement Plan (Plan) are to:

- Support transparent, effective, and respectful communication with Community Members regarding the Project;
- Outline the Project's approach for seeking information and feedback to meet impact assessment process requirements and support Project design;
- Provide methods and considerations for engagement with Community Members;
- Support relationship development and sharing of Project-related information with Community Members; and
- Support the development of engagement processes specific to each engaged group, as applicable and requested.

1.2 Scope

This Plan was prepared in accordance with Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) guidance; WKR endeavors to “operate under the principle that public participation is an important element of an open and balanced impact assessment process” (NIRB 2020). The Plan has been further developed through both analysis of previous proponent's engagement outcomes, and recent preliminary engagement with Kitikmeot Community Members.

This Plan is focused on engagement with Kitikmeot communities and is applicable to the early permitting/impact assessment phase. A more comprehensive Plan may be developed to support the Project throughout Project planning and impact assessment, and eventual operations.

WKR acknowledges that engagement with other interested and affected parties, including communities and Indigenous groups and governments located outside of Nunavut, may be required and has been commenced in some instances. This wider engagement, while similar in approach, is currently the subject of a separate engagement planning process.

1.3 Plan Management

This Plan will be reviewed annually at a minimum by the Engagement Lead or designate and revised as needed to reflect outcomes of ongoing engagement and needs of both Community Members and WKR.

This Plan is effective upon approval, is valid throughout the early permitting/impact assessment phase of the Project, and may be updated from time to time.

A copy of this Plan is maintained on the corporate server in a manner such that it is accessible to workers. A copy is also maintained in any field office locations.

1.4 Proponent Contact Information

Table 1.1 outlines the proponent contacts and information.

Table 1.1 Proponent Contacts and Information

Item	Detail
Project Name	Grays Bay Road and Port Project
Proponent	West Kitikmeot Resources Corp.
Address	Head office: P.O. Box 6, 30B Mitik Street, Cambridge Bay, NU XOB OCO Project office: Suite 2110, 500 4 Ave SW, Calgary, AB T2P 2V6
Responsible Executive	Elliot Holland, Chief Operating Officer eholland@westkit.ca 867.446.0309
Principal Contact	Gavin Law, Environment Manager & Engagement Lead glaw@westkit.ca 403.837.5677
Website	www.westkit.ca

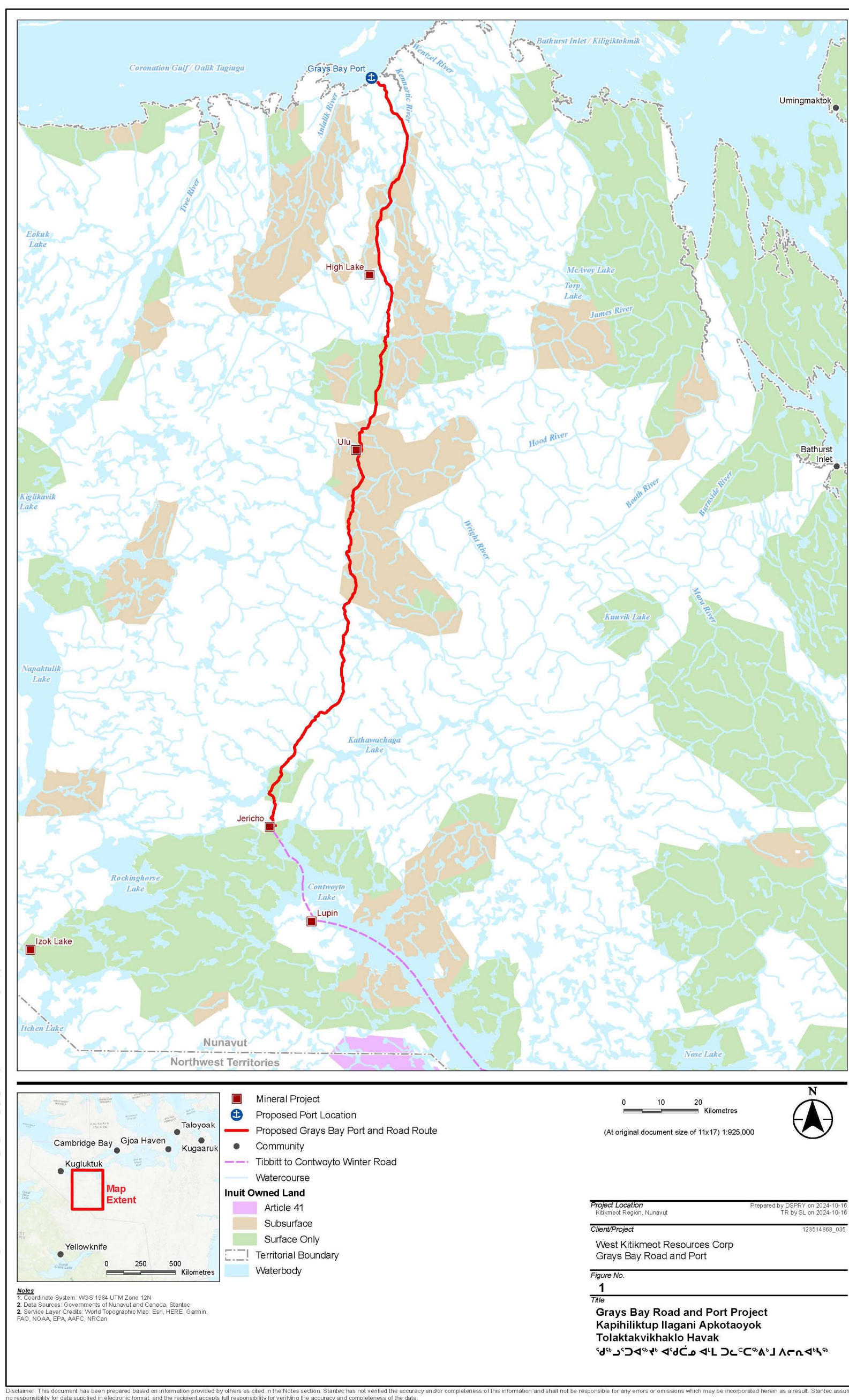
2 Location & Engagement Focus

The Project is entirely located within the Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut as shown in Figure 2.1. Project components are located on Crown land and Inuit Owned Lands and in federal waters. Distance (in kms) from permanent communities to the port are summarized in Table 2.1.

Table 2.1 Distance in km from communities to the Port

Community	Distance to the Port (km)
Cambridge Bay	280
Gjoa Haven	630
Kugaaruk	880
Kugluktuk	180
Taloyoak	730

Figure 2.1 Grays Bay Road and Port Project



3 Potentially Affected Communities and Parties

WKR identified potentially affected Kitikmeot communities, based on proximity to the Project, the potential to be affected by the Project, and previous impact assessment screenings of the Project.

The following are the identified potentially affected Kitikmeot communities:

- Cambridge Bay;
- Kugluktuk;
- Gjoa Haven;
- Kugaaruk;
- Taloyoak.

Within these communities, WKR engages with the following wherever possible and appropriate:

- Kitikmeot Inuit Association, including leadership, staff and Community Liaison Officers;
- Elected officials;
- Hamlet/Municipal Staff;
- Hunters and Trappers Organizations;
- Community groups including those for Elders, youth, women and businesses;
- Local federal and territorial government staff; and
- Public.

In addition, members of the seasonal communities of Bathurst Inlet and Bay Chimo may be engaged from within these permanent communities.

4 Engagement Principles and Methods

WKR is committed to meaningful, transparent, respectful and appropriate engagement with Community Members. WKR endeavors to understand local customs and social dynamics, to build long-term community relationships through clear communication, and actively listening to and seeking to understand community interests.

4.1 Engagement Principles

WKR acknowledges the importance of public participation at all stages of the impact assessment process. WKR intends to engage Community Members about the Project and related activities in a way that is ongoing, informative, consultative and participatory, enabling Community Member participation in the development of the Project, per NIRB guidance (NIRB 2020).

WKR's engagement approach is informed by the following principles that the NIRB has outlined to guide the Proponent in carrying out public consultation:

- Consultation should be part of an ongoing relationship;
- Consultation is a two-way communication process; and
- Consultation leads to action (NIRB 2020).

4.2 Methods

WKR engages with Community Members consistently through a mix of formal written correspondence, email correspondence, phone calls, in-person and virtual meetings, presentations, and online engagement tools. Communications are primarily with the designated contact person for each organization, as identified during preliminary engagement.

WKR implements the following communication strategies when carrying out its engagement:

- Provide advanced notice using a combination of print, local and social media;
- Schedule regular Project updates, responsive to Community Members' needs;
- Utilize a variety of methods, including those listed in Table 3.1, based on Community Members' need and meeting content;
- Provide suitable opportunities for potentially impacted Community Members to learn about the Project;
- Prepare slide decks for use during individualized meetings with specific Community Member organizations or the general public;
- Make meeting materials available to Community Members;
- Share current information on the Project and WKR through a variety of platforms including posters, information sheets, website, social media, email;
- Provide a timely and thorough response to information requests;
- Offer alternative opportunities to learn about and provide input into the Project, such as technical workshops and meetings on Project design aspects; and
- Document participation, input received, actions taken and follow-up required.

To achieve the engagement principles set out by NIRB and apply its engagement strategies, WKR has developed methods discussed below in Table 4.1, which may be updated from time to time in response to WKR and Community Members' needs.

Table 4.1 Engagement Methods

Method	Description
Public Meetings	Public meetings are open to all members of a community. WKR will provide Project information and updates, solicit feedback, and be available to answer the public's questions. Public meetings will be interpreted and notes will be taken by WKR.

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	Formats may vary including virtual open houses, town halls or in-person community meetings.
Meetings with interested members of Kitikmeot Communities	Meetings with key community stakeholder groups (e.g. Hamlets, HTOs) will be conducted to provide Project updates, discuss Project-related topics, and solicit feedback as appropriate. Meetings will be interpreted and minutes will be taken by WKR.
Inuit Advisory Group (IAG)	An IAG will be convened to receive and consider Project information with an initial scope of environment and wildlife, to provide advice to WKR and KIA about potential environmental or wildlife impacts or concerns, and to hear and attempt to resolve concerns from community members related to environmental and wildlife aspects of Project. The group's scope will be evaluated from time to time and adjusted as appropriate.
Site Visits	Visits to the Project site will be provided to select interested parties as operational conditions permit
Social Media	WKR will maintain a website that provides timely information on the Project. Email distribution lists and social media feeds will also be utilized to share Project-related information.
Other Distribution Materials	Other informational materials (e.g., handouts, posters) will be made available in Kitikmeot Communities to share Project-related information. These documents or their executive summaries will be translated as appropriate.
Radio Shows	Radio shows provide a way to share Project-related information with a wide audience. Radio shows can be of a call-in nature where WKR can answer the public's questions, or of an informational nature where only Project updates are provided. WKR will participate in these shows where appropriate.
Kitikmeot Socio-Economic Monitoring Committee (KSEMC)	WKR anticipates participating in future KSEMC meetings. The KSEMC is one of three regional socio-economic monitoring committees in Nunavut. They are organized and led by the Government of Nunavut (GN), and create a discussion forum and information sharing hub that supports impacted communities and interested stakeholders to take part in monitoring efforts.
Participation in Community Events	Participation provides a way to share Project-related information and interact with the public.

4.3 Culturally Appropriate Engagement

Preliminary engagement activities were undertaken between April 2024 and May 2024 with Hunters and Trappers Organizations, Hamlet and Municipal Councils, and the Kitikmeot public to understand important preferences for holding in-person meetings as well as means to communicate upcoming in-person meetings and Project information. WKR has taken the feedback given into consideration for engagement plannings, and endeavors to adhere to the following, where possible:

- Hold community visits during times that large numbers of land users are not typically out on the land;
- Use a combination of communication methods such as advertising on social media, announcing on local radio stations as well as flyers posted in local businesses/public spaces;
- Provide language services including spoken and written forms (i.e. interpretation and translation), where necessary;
- Host public meetings at times preferred by the relevant community;
- Welcome children at public meetings;
- Visits with elementary and high school students to present the Project, if invited; and
- Meet with residents with unique needs one-on-one or otherwise as requested/required.

5 Engagement Outcomes

To meet its engagement goals and objectives, WKR will use input gathered from engagement to directly influence future Project decisions, and demonstrate through ongoing engagement activities how specific input was or was not incorporated and why.

WKR will inform all Kitikmeot Communities as to how their input is considered. This will be achieved by:

- Maintaining a record of engagement of activities and feedback provided;
- Implementing an engagement database that tracks engagement feedback and associated WKR actions and commitments with respect to the feedback provided to inform decision-making at all relevant organizational levels; and
- Demonstrating, through ongoing engagement, WKR's tangible and meaningful consideration of input provided, even if the input was not ultimately incorporated into the Project.

Table 5.1 outlines an example of the engagement data that are being collected and stored in the engagement database.

Table 5.1 Engagement Record Fields

Category	Description
Date	Indicates when the engagement occurred
Engagement type	Type of interaction (i.e.: in-person meeting, phone call, email, etc.)
Proponent Representative	WKR representative
Meeting Location	Where in-person meeting was held, or if engagement was conducted remotely/virtually
Attendees/Recipients	Name of individuals and position
Attendees/Recipients Organization	Organization of individuals
Summary	Brief description of engagement activities
Issues	Describe main comments discussed
Documents (materials provided)	Information that was provided (i.e.: handouts, maps, etc.)
Action Items	If follow-up is required
Follow-up Date	What timeframe follow-up is required in
Responsible	Person/organization responsible for action items
Status	Completeness of the action items

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