



NPC File No. 150411

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RE: NPC File # 150411 [Thelon Property]

1. ATHA Energy Corp. (ATHA) is proposing to conduct an exploration program that will comprise airborne geophysical surveys over two areas (Block A and Block B) situated south of Aberdeen Lake and a total of approximately 86,400 hectares. The program is anticipated to take 4 – 6 weeks (30 – 42 days) to complete. The airborne survey will be based entirely out of Baker Lake. The program will require no surface access, water use, fuel use or storage and no waste will be produced.
2. Location: Kivalliq Region; [Crown and Inuit land located approximately 65 km west of Baker Lake).

The NPC has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, G, and H of the KRLUP. The project proposal does not require screening because it belongs to a class of works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Agreement, and the NPC does not have concerns regarding the cumulative impacts of the project proposal.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:
<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150411>

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) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S.A.', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

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