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NPC File No. 150551

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Dear Cassel Kapolak, Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Luis Manzo, Caroline Whittle, Carson Gillis, and Karina Tyne:

RE: NPC File No. 150551 [Thelon Property]

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

1. Uranium Mineral Exploration activities undertaken by ATHA Energy Corp.
 - a. Airborne geophysical surveying
2. Summary of proposed modifications:
 - a. Use of waters and disposal of waste associated with camp operations
 - b. Caching of large volumes of fuel
 - c. Exploration drilling
3. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
 - a. Construction: 1 to 7 February 2025

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- b. Operations: 8 February to 23 September 2025
 - c. Closure: 24 September to 1 October 2025
 - d. 40 personnel and 150 days for a total of 6000 person-days
4. Associated NPC File No.: 150411; Associated NIRB File No.: N/A (not previously screened)
 5. Location: Kivalliq Region; [Multiple claim blocks on Crown and Inuit-Owned Lands approximately 65 to the West of Baker Lake; Aberdeen Lake area]

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 works and activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by the NPC, including airborne geophysical surveys, and a conformity determination was issued on 25 June 2024 which still applies.

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the use of waters and disposal of waste, fuel caching, and exploration drilling. It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP) and the Proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendices C, G, and H of the KRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*.

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=150551>.

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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