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Sent via email: [Rick.Hoos@tetrattech.com](mailto:Rick.Hoos@tetrattech.com)

**Re: Notice of Screening for Tetra Tech Inc.'s "Kugaaruk Sealift Improvements Project" Proposal**

Dear Richard Hoos:

On December 5, 2024, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Tetra Tech Inc.'s "Kugaaruk Sealift Improvements Project" proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), which noted that the project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

On December 17, 2024, the NIRB received the complete application from the Proponent.

Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **24XN057** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

***Project Scope:***

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/126018](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126018).

<b>Project:</b>	Kugaaruk Sealift Improvement Project
<b>Region:</b>	Kitikmeot
<b>Location:</b>	Kugaaruk

<b>Summary of Project Description:</b>	The Proponent intends to expand the existing barge landing area to accommodate barges during the sealift season, improve drainage to the area, excavation and bedrock blasting as necessary, followed by gravel and rockfill placement to create the laydown area. Additional proposed infrastructure (optional) a security office insulated with generator, powered heating and lighting, security fence surrounding the laydown area.
<b>Project Proposed Timeline:</b>	June 2025 to October 2025

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of heavy equipment for the project such as, excavator, bulldozer, grader, front end loader, vibrator compactor, water truck and dump trucks (3), Crusher Plant;
- Use of 2,700 liters of diesel fuel for construction equipment;
- Blasting of bedrock for project area;
- Aggregate materials to be used from the existing community quarry/borrow site;
- Combustible waste to be transported to the hamlet landfill site for disposal;
- Non-combustible waste such as waste electrical wire will be returned to the Hamlet for reuse; and
- Sewage waste to be disposed of in the Hamlet lagoon

### ***Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List***

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry [www.nirb.ca/project/126018](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126018) and include:

- *NPC Referral and Application*
- *Site Plan*
- *Description of Construction Equipment*
- *Project Cost Estimate*
- *NIRB Application*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by Tetra Tech Inc. project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **January 24, 2025**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca), via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/126018](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126018).

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at 1-866-233-3033 or [femingak@nirb.ca](mailto:femingak@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosures (4): Public Notice of Screening (English and Inuktitut)  
Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)

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