



# CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for University of Victoria's  
"Sikunnguaq – The Likeness or Image of Ice in Maps" Project  
Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for University of Victoria's "Sikunnguaq – The Likeness or Image of Ice in Maps" Project Proposal**

Dear Robby Qammaniq,

On March 12, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on University of Victoria's "Sikunnguaq – The Likeness or Image of Ice in Maps" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

**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).**

CIRNAC is of the view that the potential adverse effects resulting from the project (e.g., fuel spills, waste disposal) are predictable and mitigable with known technology. CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consider implementing best practices to mitigate potential adverse effects from the project related to fuel management, such as using drip pans or other equivalent devices when refuelling equipment to aid in the prevention of fuel spills, and ensuring all personnel are properly trained in fuel handling and spill response procedures.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments. Should you have any questions, please contact John MacInnis by e-mail at [john.macinnis@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](mailto:john.macinnis@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca).

Sincerely,



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