



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for University of Quebec Rimouski's
"Permafrost Organic Carbon Fluxes to the Canadian Arctic
Ocean" Project Proposal



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Robby Qammaniq
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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for University of Quebec Rimouski's "Permafrost Organic Carbon Fluxes to the Canadian Arctic Ocean" Project Proposal

Dear Robby Qammaniq,

On March 24, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on University of Quebec Rimouski's "Permafrost Organic Carbon Fluxes to the Canadian Arctic Ocean" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CIRNAC 1: Consultation with Interest Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue to consult with the Hamlet of Qikiqtarjuaq, the Nattivak Hunters and Trappers Association, and any other relevant organizations or interested individuals regarding its project proposal. As part of any consultation activities, several issues should be considered, including, but not limited to:

- Incorporation of Inuit Qaujjimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional harvesting activities within or in close proximity to the project area;
- Training and employment opportunities for Inuit and community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local and Inuit-owned businesses; and
- Regular updates on the status of project activities.

CIRNAC 2: Protection of Heritage Resources

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent engage with the Territorial Archaeologist of the Government of Nunavut's Department of Culture and Heritage to ensure its project activities conform with the accepted Archaeology and Paleontology Program. Guidance should be sought out to prevent any disturbance to Nunavut's heritage resources.



CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments. Should you have any questions, please contact David Abernethy by e-mail at david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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