



May 7, 2025

Dr. Brian Glass
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Dear Dr. Glass,

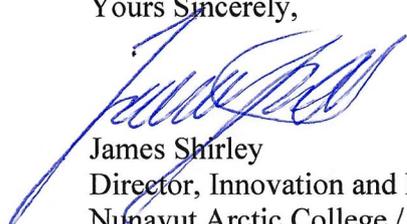
On March 20, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral from the Nunavut Planning Commission to screen your project proposal “Mars Exploration through Analog-site Drilling (MEAD)”, pursuant to Part 3 of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act, S.C. 2013, c 14, s.2 (NuPPAA). This project is subject to licensing under Nunavut’s Scientists Act which is administered by the Nunavut Arctic College (NAC).

Due to limited capacity, the NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within the 45 days as set out in the *NuPPAA* and additional time is requested to complete the decision-making for this file. The NIRB has requested additional time to complete their screening.

Exercising my authority as the Territorial Science Advisor appointed under Nunavut’s Scientists Act, I have approved the NIRB’s request for a screening extension. We will now expect to receive the NIRB’s completed screening decision report for this project proposal by May 23, 2025. The NIRB will provide further updates as needed should they require additional time to conclude their screening.

If you should require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Mosha Cote at the Nunavut Research Institute. You can reach him at 867 979 7279 or by e-mail at mosha.cote@arcticcollege.ca

Yours Sincerely,



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CC. Margaret Nakashuk, Minister Responsible for Nunavut’s Scientists Act