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Dear Gizella Hejjas, Richard Dwyer, Mosha Cote, Fish & Fish Habitat Protection Program, Cory Barker, Carson Gillis, and Xing Song:

RE: NPC File No. 150914 [ArcSolution: Arctic Pollution in a One Health Perspective – from Complex Challenges to Sustainable Solutions]

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

1. NEW scientific research activities: Contaminants research with the objectives of characterizing contamination patterns, pathways of movement and accumulation, assessing potential impacts on food security, and jointly developing science-based responses with local partners.
 - a. The project is designed with initial community consultations and site planning preceding the first field season to ensure alignment with local priorities and logistics.
 - b. Sampling campaigns are planned three to four times per year, to capture seasonal variability and climate-linked shifts in contaminant behavior.
 - c. Collection of water, sediment/soil, permafrost, and biological samples (microbial communities and microalgae; culturally important fish will only be obtained from local harvests)

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- d. Use of overland transport (ATVs or snowmachines) and marine research vessels
2. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
 - a. 20 days over period 20 September 2025 to 31 March 2027
 - b. 3 personnel for a total of 60 person-days
3. Location: Kitikmeot Region; [Ikaluktuttiaq (Cambridge Bay) and its adjacent areas, lagoons, and coastal environments]

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 and has determined that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The 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 decision to the NIRB for screening. Project materials are available at the following address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150914>.

This decision 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.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email address or telephone number below.

Sincerely,



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