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Nunavut Impact Review Board
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Re: NIRB 126243/25YN073: New Project Accepted for Memorial University of Newfoundland's "ArcSolution: Emerging Pollutants and Health in the Arctic" Project Proposal

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To the Nunavut Impact Review Board,

The Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KitIA) would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for the opportunity to provide comments on the Memorial University of Newfoundland's "ArcSolution: Emerging Pollutants and Health in the Arctic" Project Proposal.

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KitIA acknowledges that the study of emerging pollutants that are at risk of exposure in Cambridge Bay is an important study for the community, and the outcome of the study may demonstrate that emerging pollutants can negatively impact the ecosystem as well as the food web that may include species of importance to Inuit and Inuit culture. KitIA has the following comments for this project proposal:

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Coordination with Local Organizations

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KitIA acknowledges that the Project will receive guidance from local partners and community members. KitIA recommends that coordination with local, long-term land users; such as Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Organization is necessary to ensure safety when collecting data in the field. It is also expected that the Proponent would work closely with local partners for knowledge of the land when collecting physical data.

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Timing and Wildlife

KitIA understands that data collection will be three to four trips per year in Cambridge Bay. Field crews should remain mindful of local wildlife sensitivity periods, including bird nesting and fish habitat when collecting physical data.

Operations:

KIA supports the methods described in the data collection. All waste should be collected from each data collection site, and the environment should be left in the same condition or better at the end of each data collection site. KIA encourages adherence to "leave-no-trace" principles and recommends that all food, waste, and other potential wildlife



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attractants be securely stored in sealed, animal-resistant containers to minimize the risk of wildlife interactions.

Coordination with Local Organizations

Annual engagement with the co-management committee and Cambridge Bay community is expected. KIA encourages continued communication with the Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Organization to share plans and gather local insight in the areas of interest for data collection.

Inuit Employment and Capacity Building

The multi-year scope of the project offers a good opportunity for local hiring. KIA encourages the team to prioritize Inuit employment for field support roles and to advertise these opportunities locally (E.g., Hamlet, HTO, etc.). Where possible, opportunities for youth mentorship or training in research methods are also encouraged.

Inclusion of Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit (IQ)

KIA encourages efforts to incorporate Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit (IQ) into research planning and data interpretation. This may include use of Inuinnaqtun place names, observations of wildlife and land conditions from Elders and harvesters, and consideration of community priorities when adjusting study design.

Knowledge Sharing and Accessibility

KIA appreciates that findings will be shared with the Cambridge Bay community, territorial stakeholders, local Inuit partners, and Hamlet of Cambridge Bay. The preparation of plain-language summaries, including maps or visuals, is encouraged to help make research outcomes accessible to local communities. Translation into Inuinnaqtun is also recommended.

If you have any question regarding the attached submission, please contact the undersigned directly at jamagoalik@kitia.ca

Regards,

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