



NIRB File No.: 25YN073

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To: The Honourable David Akeeagok,
Minister Responsible for Nunavut Arctic College
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Sent via email: dakeeagok7@gov.nu.ca

Re: **Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Memorial University of Newfoundland's "ArcSolution: Emerging Pollutants and Health in the Arctic" Project Proposal**

Dear Honourable Minister:

On September 9, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Memorial University of Newfoundland's "ArcSolution: Emerging Pollutants and Health in the Arctic" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). **Pursuant to s. 92(4) of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Ministers extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 25YN073.**

On September 9, 2025, the NIRB received the referral to assess the project from the Nunavut Planning Commission, and on October 10, 2025 requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and commence screening. On October 15, 2025, the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On November 7, 2025, the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties with a request for comments to be submitted for the Board's consideration by November 17, 2025.

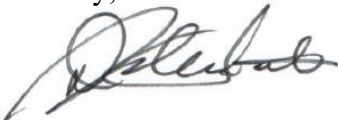
Due to the number of assessments in front of the Board and the upcoming Christmas holiday period, the NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within the 45 days as set out in the *NuPPAA* and additional time is requested to complete the decision-making for this file. The NIRB anticipates screening of this project proposal will be completed by **January 30, 2026**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister for consideration; should any additional time be required to conclude the screening process, the NIRB commits to providing further updates as deemed appropriate.

If this request is approved, the NIRB understands that the Minister will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension. Please be aware that this notice is coming to you as the key regulator of the project activities, recognizing the Proponent has indicated they may need other permits but is not yet certain if the work will occur that would trigger these regulatory processes.

All documents received and pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/126243.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Xing Song, Memorial University of Newfoundland
Honourable Joanne Thompson, Minister of Fisheries