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Dear Gizella Hejjas, Mosha Cote, Carson Gillis, Jared Ottenhof, Tom Meijeraan:

RE: NPC File # 150895 [Arctic Ice Thickening Field Test Qikiqtarjuaq]

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

1. Scientific research: Testing of Arctic Ice Thickening. Proponent will be drilling holes in the ice and pump seawater onto the surface over 1 square km. Monitoring ice thickness using smart sensors, weather stations, and visual checks, both thickened area as for non-thickened ice for comparison reasons.
2. Project duration: February 1, 2026 – July 31, 2026
3. Personnel: 6 personnel and 30 days on site; total of 180 person days
4. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Qikiqtarjuaq]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has determined that this project proposal 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 to the NIRB for screening. Project materials are available at the following address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150895>

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 (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be the initials 'S.A.' with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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