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Dear Luis Manzo,

I am writing to you today to propose research from the Geological Survey of Canada, for projects seeking to study various types of geosciences in the region, which involve both field-based and remotely conducted research methods. Some of these projects aim to build on prior research completed through the GEM-GeoNorth program in recent years.

Attached to this letter are descriptions of each research project that explain the overall study goals, methods, and any proposed fieldwork activities for 2025. We would like to discuss these proposals with you to learn of any questions, concerns or inputs you may have to help ensure our research continues to be respectful of the rights of Inuit.

In all our field research, we strive to ensure a high safety standard, and we remain committed to avoiding and reporting any wildlife observations or archeological artefacts or sites found as we work. This is further supported by hiring local wildlife monitors / field assistants.

Applications for Nunavut Research Licenses and for KIA Inuit Owned Lands Access permits will be completed in the coming months. All results of our research are made publicly available and will be shared with you directly when published. We can also commit to sharing results in person when a conclusion from the study is available, though that can take several years.

We are happy to hear any questions or concerns you may have about these proposals, and we will be reaching out in the coming weeks to discuss the potential for in-person meetings this winter. Don't hesitate to reach out directly to Engagement Officer Rebecca Pearson (Rebecca.Pearson@nrcan-rncan.gc.ca), or myself, with any questions or concerns.

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Attached and distributed to:

Processes Controlling Mercury Accumulation – 2025

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Impacts of Past Ice Sheets – 2025

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Hamlet of Whale Cove, Brian Fleming, Senior Administrative Officer

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Kivalliq Ground Ice and Permafrost – 2025

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Understanding Groundwater Systems in Permafrost Conditions – 2025

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Geological Implications for Angilak-style Systems – 2025

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