



# NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 25YN079

Project Name: The “Why is mercury rising in some northern lakes?” project  
Proponent Name: Geological Survey of Canada (GSC)  
Project Type: Research Region: Kivalliq  
Public Registry: [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) Application No.: 126250  
Comment Deadline: **December 19, 2025**

## PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Why is mercury rising in some northern lakes?” project is located within the Kivalliq region. The Proponent intends to conduct investigate why mercury levels are increasing in some northern lakes while remaining stable in others. The program is proposed to take place from August 1 to August 30, 2026. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Travel to selected lakes using a helicopter equipped with floats;
- Employment of 1–2 local wildlife monitors and a local interpreter;
- No overnight camp will be established on the land or on ice. Work will be conducted as day trips from Rankin Inlet; and
- Sub-sampling on site (gravity cores) or in a laboratory (freeze cores).

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **25YN079** to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

**You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:**

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

**The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca).** Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or via fax to **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Viren Nasit, Senior Impact Assessment Officer at (867)983-4604 or [vnasit@nirb.ca](mailto:vnasit@nirb.ca).