NOTICE OF SCREENING

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 25YN082

Project Name:	The **"Community Bedrock Mapping Points of Interest"** project	
Proponent Name:	Geological Survey of Canada	
Project Type:	Research	Region: Qikiqtani
Public Registry:	www.nirb.ca	Application No.: 126255
Comment Deadline:	**February 3, 2026**	

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed "Community Bedrock Mapping Points of Interest" project is located within the Qikiqtani region, near Kimmirut. The Proponent intends to conduct a three-week community bedrock mapping project in Kimmirut and along the Itijjagiaq Trail to Frobisher Bay, aiming to create a new "Points of Interest" feature on the SIKU mobile app. This initiative will replace the outdated paper "Geology Walking Tour" by engaging local residents in collecting geoscience data and photos, which will be uploaded to SIKU for use by Northerners and visitors. The project includes hiring and training community members, integrating traditional knowledge, and collaborating with the Hamlet council and Territorial Parks. The program is proposed to take place from June 29, 2026 to July 20, 2026 Seasonal. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Mapping will consist of visual observation, photography, GPS documentation, and limited hand sampling using small handheld geological tools;
- All waste will be removed and disposed of in Iqaluit using approved management facilities and procedures.
- Personnel will use existing cabins in the territorial park; and
- Activities will be conducted on foot and, where appropriate, by truck or ATV using existing roads and trails. A five-day hike will be undertaken along the Itijjagiaq Trail to collect geoscience observation.

Please visit the NIRB's public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **25YN082** 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. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at 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 Dustin Sim, at (867)983-4618 or dsim@nirb.ca.