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Kimmirut Sealift Field Program

Type de demande : New

Type de projet: Scientific Research

Date de la demande : Tuesday, January 20, 2026

Period of operation: from 2026-02-27 to 2031-12-21

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Total Person days: 300

Operations Phase: from 2026-02-27 to 2031-12-21

Activités

Emplacement	Type d'activité	Statut des terres	Historique du site	Site à valeur archéologique ou paléontologique	Proximité des collectivités les plus proches et de toute zone protégée
Sealift Study Area	Scientific/International Polar Year Research	Commissioners	N/A	N/A	The field program will be conducted at the existing sealift ramp and layout area within the community of Kimmirut.
Quarry Study Area 3	Scientific/International Polar Year Research	Commissioners	N/A	N/A	The field program will be conducted at a proposed quarry site approximately 1.8 km north west of the community of Kimmirut within the municipal boundary.
Quarry Study Area 4	Scientific/International Polar Year Research	Commissioners	N/A	N/A	The field program will be conducted at a proposed quarry site approximately 1 km north west of the community of Kimmirut within the municipal boundary.
Quarry Study Area 1	Scientific/International Polar Year Research	Municipal	N/A	N/A	The field program will be conducted at a proposed quarry site approximately 1.7 km north west of the community of Kimmirut within the municipal boundary.
Quarry Study Area 2	Scientific/International Polar Year Research	Municipal	N/A	N/A	The field program will be conducted

					at a proposed quarry site approximately 1 km south west of the community of Kimmirut within the municipal boundary.
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Engagement de la collectivité et avantages pour la région

Collectivité	Nom	Organisme	Date de la prise de contact
Kimmirut	Members, Design Workshop	Mayukalik Hamlet and Hunters and Trappers	2021-09-29
Kimmirut	Council	Hamlet of Kimmirut	2021-09-29
Kimmirut	Residents	Residents – Community Information Booths	2021-09-30
Kimmirut	Council and Lands Committee	Hamlet of Kimmirut	2025-11-18
Kimmirut	Residents	Residents – Co-op Information Table	2025-11-17
Kimmirut	Members, Design Workshop	Mayukalik Hamlet and Hunters and Trappers	2025-11-17
Kimmirut	Dustin, Foreman	Hamlet of Kimmirut	2025-11-18
Kimmirut	Leetia Naulaq, Community Liaison Officer	Qikiqtani Inuit Association	2025-11-20
Kimmirut	John Mabberi-Mudonyi, SAO	Hamlet of Kimmirut	2025-11-20

Autorisations

Indiquez les zones dans lesquelles le projet est situé:

South Baffin

Autorisations

Organisme de régulation	Description des autorisations	État actuel	Date de l'émission/de la demande	Date d'échéance
Gouvernement du Nunavut, Institut de recherche du Nunavut	Scientific Research Licence, application will be submitted once NIRB SDR issued	Not Yet Applied		
Office des eaux du Nunavut	A Water Licence or a NWB Authorization will be obtained if required.	Not Yet Applied		
Government of Nunavut, Community Services	Land Use Permit will be obtained if drilling is required at the Sealift footprint.	Not Yet Applied		
Gouvernement du Nunavut, ministère de l'Environnement	Wildlife Research Licence and/or Wildlife Observation Licence to be confirmed if required.	Not Yet Applied		
Pêches et Océans Canada	Licence to Fish for Scientific Purposes (LFSP) to be confirmed if required.	Not Yet Applied		
Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada	Land Use Permit, to be confirmed if required.	Not Yet Applied		
Nunavut Planning Commission	Conformity Determination	Active	2025-12-02	

Project transportation types

Transportation Type	Utilisation proposée	Length of Use
Air	Field crew will travel to the program area by plane from Vancouver.	
Land	Field crews will travel by foot or local vehicles within the community.	

Project accomodation types

Collectivité

Utilisation de matériel

Équipement à utiliser (y compris les perceuses, les pompes, les aéronefs, les véhicules, etc.)

Type d'équipement	Quantité	Taille – Dimensions	Utilisation proposée
Multibeam Echo Sonar	1	1 m x 50 cm	Seabed type and conditions.
Subbottom Profiler	1	1 m x 1 m	Ground conditions below seabed.
Side Scan Sonar	1	2 m x 50 cm	Seabed type and conditions.
Excavator	1	30 to 40 ton	The excavator will be used to dig test pits.
Mounted drill rig	1	2.5 m x 5.5 m x 3 m	A geotechnical subsurface drilling program is required to understand the type and variability of subsurface soil and/or rock conditions.
Geotechnical hammer	1	~2 kg (30 to 40 cm)	A geotechnical survey is required to identify suitable quarry locations for sourcing the required fill and rock armour for the Sealift construction.
Sediment / grab sampler	1	3 m x 50 cm	Collection of sediment samples.
Drone	1	To be confirmed	Topographic and feature survey to conduct LiDAR and aerial surveys.
Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV)	1	72 cm x 24 cm x 44 cm	Underwater video survey to determine habitat characteristics of the subtidal seabed.
Ponar	1	3 m x 50 cm	Subtidal samples will be collected using a ponar grab sampler (grab sampler) or by SCUBA divers.
Conductivity, temperature, depth meter	1	3.5 cm x 9.0 cm	Device used to assist in water quality parameters during water quality survey.
Biological Survey Equipment	As needed	To be determined	A variety of small manual hand tools including iPads, transect tape, quadrat, clinometer, binoculars, and GPS, will be required for the Marine and Terrestrial Programs.
Niskin Sampler	As required	1.5L	Collection device to get water from depth during water quality survey.

Décrivez l'utilisation du carburant et des marchandises dangereuses

Décrivez l'utilisation de carburant :	Type de carburant	Nombre de conteneurs	Capacité du conteneur	Quantité totale	Unités	Utilisation proposée
Sample Preservative	hazardous	1	1	1	Liters	Preservatives such as formalin, ethanol, and hydrochloric acid are required to preserve water and sediment quality samples for the marine-based Field Program components. Less than 1 millilitre of preservative will be required per sample bottle.
Gasoline	fuel	1	200	200	Liters	Mobile equipment, generators, heaters
Diesel	fuel	1	10000	10000	Liters	Drill rig and excavator for geotechnical study
Poly Plus	hazardous	100	9	900	Kg	Drill rig
Hydraulic Oil	hazardous	18	20	360	Liters	Drill rig
10/40 Oil	hazardous	32	4	128	Liters	Drill rig
Gun Grease	hazardous	96	1	96	Liters	Drill rig
Methyl Hydrate	hazardous	40	1	40	Liters	Drill rig
Transmission Fluid	hazardous	10	4	40	Liters	Drill rig
Antifreeze	hazardous	40	4	160	Liters	Drill rig
80/90 gear oil	hazardous	30	4	120	Liters	Drill rig

Consommation d'eau

Quantité quotidienne (m3)	Méthodes de récupération de l'eau proposées	Emplacement de récupération de l'eau proposé
3	Municipal sources	Drilling at the Quarry Study Area will require freshwater, to be obtained from the Hamlets' water truck. If municipal supply is insufficient, a NWB Water License will be obtained for water withdrawal.

Déchets

Gestion des déchets

Activités du projet	Type des déchets	Quantité prévue	Méthode d'élimination	Procédures de traitement supplémentaires
Scientific/International Polar Year Research	Déchets non combustibles	Limited (no bulk waste)	"pack in, pack out" policy	None required
Scientific/International Polar Year Research	Eaux usées (matières de vidange)	Limited / regular amount	Use existing facilities	None required

Répercussions environnementales :

Environmental impacts associated with the field programs are expected to be minimal. Potential impacts to terrestrial and marine habitat and wildlife may occur, however, all personnel will be accompanied by a local field assistant to confirm minimal disturbances. Minor disruptions to traditional land use may occur in the proposed study area, however, arrival of the research team will be advertised on local social media prior to arrival. There will be an increase in anthropogenic presence in the Study Area but the research team is relatively small and are conducting non-invasive short term studies. Please see Table 8-1 of the attached application letter.

Additional Information

SECTION A1: Project Info

SECTION A2: Allweather Road

SECTION A3: Winter Road

SECTION B1: Project Info

SECTION B2: Exploration Activity

SECTION B3: Geosciences

SECTION B4: Drilling

SECTION B5: Stripping

SECTION B6: Underground Activity

SECTION B7: Waste Rock

SECTION B8: Stockpiles

SECTION B9: Mine Development

SECTION B10: Geology

SECTION B11: Mine

SECTION B12: Mill

SECTION C1: Pits

SECTION D1: Facility

SECTION D2: Facility Construction

SECTION D3: Facility Operation

SECTION D4: Vessel Use

SECTION E1: Offshore Survey

SECTION E2: Nearshore Survey

SECTION E3: Vessel Use

SECTION F1: Site Cleanup

SECTION G1: Well Authorization

SECTION G2: Onland Exploration

SECTION G3: Offshore Exploration

SECTION G4: Rig

SECTION H1: Vessel Use

SECTION H2: Disposal At Sea

SECTION I1: Municipal Development

Description de l'environnement existant : Environnement physique

The Project is occurring within municipal boundaries in a developed area. Baseline studies of the physical environment will be conducted as a component of this field program. This will include surveys of the geotechnical, geophysical, and topographical characteristics of the marine (intertidal and subtidal) and terrestrial environment within the Study Areas. Please see the attached application letter and Environmental Management Plan for further information.

Description de l'environnement existant : Environnement biologique

The Project is occurring within municipal boundaries in a developed area. Baseline studies of the biological environment will be conducted as a component of this field program, including surveys of the marine (intertidal and subtidal) and terrestrial habitats within the Study Areas. Please see the attached application letter and Environmental Management Plan for further information.

Description de l'environnement existant : Environnement socio-économique

Kimmirut has a population of 426 residents and saw an increase in population approximately 9.5% since 2016 according to the 2021 Census data from Statistics Canada. Kimmirut typically sees two to three calls of dry cargo ships per year averaging three days each with sealift in early to mid-July and retrograde in September through late October. Sealift operations are undertaken in the middle of the community along the main boat ramp. In-person consultations with the community were conducted in 2021 as part of the GN-TIN marine infrastructure scoping study and most recently in November 2025. Ongoing consultation will be undertaken prior to arrival of the field team to confirm local support and gather traditional knowledge to support the baseline assessment. Please see Section 4 of the attached application letter.

Miscellaneous Project Information

Not applicable.

Identification des répercussions et mesures d'atténuation proposées

Potential impacts to terrestrial and marine habitat and wildlife may occur, however, all personnel will be accompanied by a local field assistant to confirm minimal disturbances. Minor disruptions to traditional land use may occur in the proposed study area, however, arrival of the research team will be advertised on local social media prior to arrival. There may be temporary underwater and air noise disturbance due to geotechnical and geophysical studies, but the footprint of these activities will be minimal. Please see the attached application letter and Environmental Management Plan for further information.

Répercussions cumulatives

Several projects are taking place nearby during the same timeframe as this Project. These primarily involve scientific research and tourism activities. Cumulative effects are expected to be minimal, as most project components include mitigation measures designed to reduce potential impacts. Please see the attached application letter and Environmental Management Plan for further information.

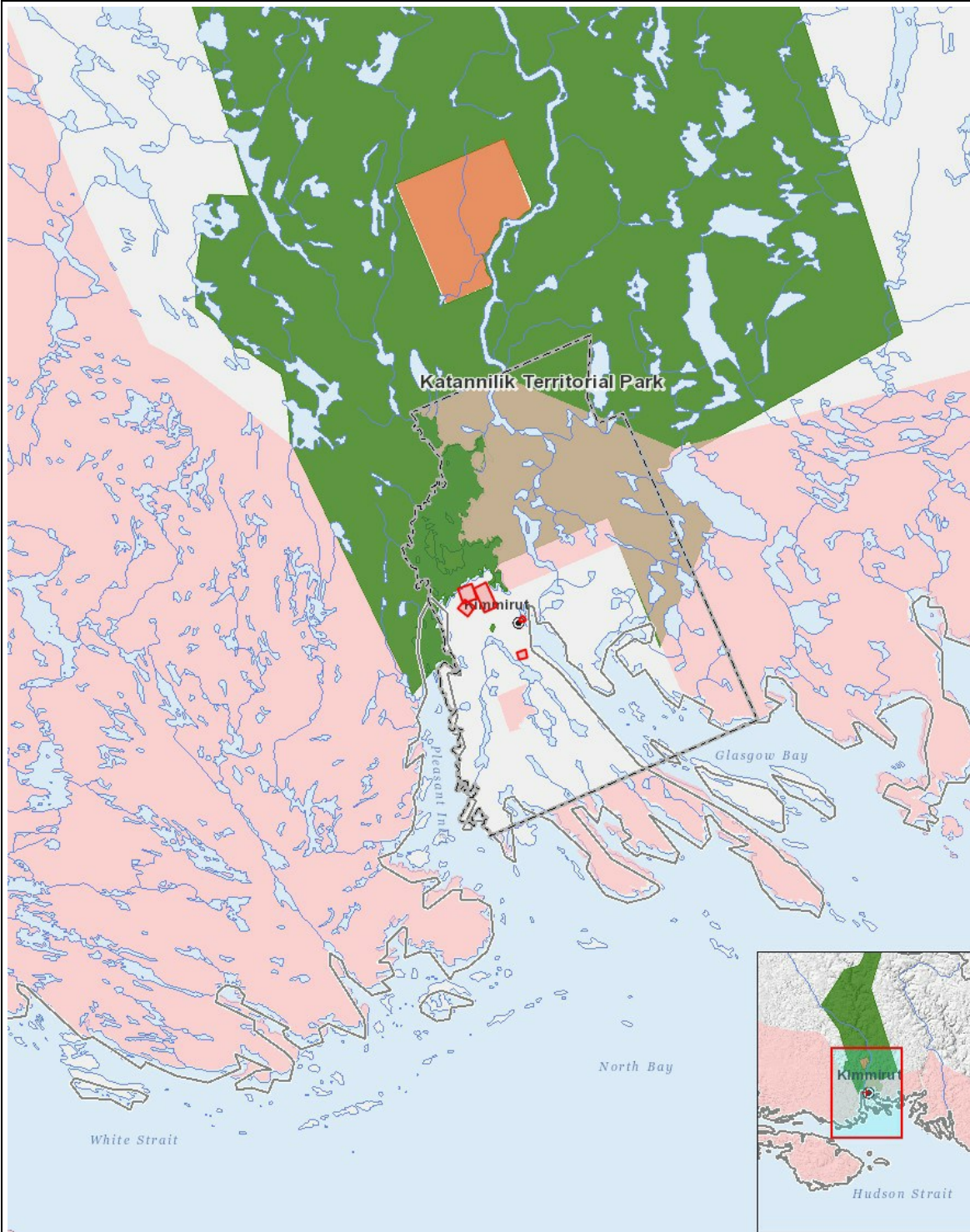
Impacts

Identification des répercussions environnementales

	PHYSICAL	Designated environmental areas	Ground stability	Permafrost	Hydrology / Limnology	Water quality	Climate conditions	Eskers and other unique or fragile landscapes	Surface and bedrock geology	Sediment and soil quality	Tidal processes and bathymetry	Air quality	Noise levels	BIOLOGICAL	Vegetation	Wildlife, including habitat and migration patterns	Birds, including habitat and migration patterns	Aquatic species, incl. habitat and migration/spawning	Wildlife protected areas	SOCIO-ECONOMIC	Archaeological and cultural historic sites	Employment	Community wellness	Community infrastructure	Human health
Construction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Exploitation																									
Scientific/International Polar Year Research		M	-	-	-	-	-	-	M	-	-	-	-	M	-	M	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	-	-
Désaffectation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

(P = Positive, N = Négative et non gérable, M = Négative et gérable, U = Inconnue)

Site du projet



Liste des géométries de projet

1	polygon	Quarry Study Area 4
2	polygon	Quarry Study Area 3
3	polygon	Quarry Study Area 1
4	polygon	Quarry Study Area 2
5	polygon	Sealift Study Area