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Dear Viren Nasit:

RE: 260122-25YN087 – Transportation & Infrastructure Nunavut – Kimmirut Sealift Field Program – Project Proposal Reviewed

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has reviewed the information submitted to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) regarding the above mentioned Proposal.

ECCC provides expert information and knowledge to project assessments on subjects within the department's mandate and within federal jurisdiction, including greenhouse gas emissions and climate change, air quality, water quality and quantity, migratory birds, species at risk, environmental emergencies preparedness and response, and climate and meteorology. This work includes reviewing proponent's characterization of environmental effects and proposed mitigation measures, and providing information and knowledge to decision-makers on activities needed to mitigate these environmental effects within federal jurisdiction. Any comments received from ECCC in this context does not relieve the proponent of its obligations to respect all applicable federal legislation.

The following comment is provided:

1. Topic: Disposal at Sea

Reference

1. [Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999](#)
 - [Schedule 5](#)



Comment

The *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* (CEPA) is federal legislation that aims to prevent pollution and protect the environment and human health. The CEPA implements a permit system to control disposal of substances into the sea. The disposal of any substance into the sea, even on the seabed, in the subsoil of the seabed or onto ice, from a ship, an aircraft, a platform or other structure is not allowed unless a permit is issued by the Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) Disposal at Sea Program.

Survey work and core sampling activities for site characterization, for example drilling in sediments and displacing a small amount of sediment, would not typically be considered as a waste disposal activity to which the *Disposal at Sea Regulations* would apply. However, if, for example, an accumulated quantity of sediments needed to be disposed at sea, a Disposal at Sea permit would be required, in accordance with CEPA and the *Disposal at Sea Regulations*.

A permit is required if there is dredged material and any other substances listed in Schedule 5 of CEPA, where disposal at sea is an environmentally preferable and practical alternative. In the event of marine infrastructure works involving dredging with disposal of dredged material in open water, a Disposal at Sea permit will be required.

ECCC Recommendation

ECCC recommends the Proponent consider the *Disposal at Sea Regulations* and potential permit requirements. For more information, please refer to the [Disposal at Sea legislation and regulations](#).

If you need more information, please contact Erik Allen at erik.allen@ec.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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cc: Eva Walker, Head, Environmental Assessment North (NT and NU)