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ATHA Energy Corp.
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Sent via email: claudia@athaenergy.com

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for “Angilak property”

Dear Claudia Piché:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen ATHA Energy Corp’s “Angilak property” project proposal:

- November 17,2025, the Nunavut Planning Commission noted positive conformity, and
- On December 18,2025, the NIRB received a complete application and assigned file number **25EN084**, please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

The NIRB has commenced screening the project proposal pursuant to the *Nunavut Agreement* and *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*¹ and by copy of this letter, **invites interested parties and municipalities potentially affected by the proposal to comment directly to the Nunavut Impact Review Board.**

SCOPE OF PROPOSED PROJECT

Location	Kivalliq region, Angikuni Basin, approximately 225 km southwest of Baker Lake
Objective	The Proponent intends to advance mineral exploration activities within the project area in Nunavut by collecting geological and drilling data necessary to refine the understanding of mineralization and resource potential. Apart from that Project includes the continued use and expansion of existing exploration infrastructure, such as an established camp, extension of an existing airstrip, and construction of limited exploration trails, to support safe and efficient field operations.
Timeline	March 01, 2026 to October 26, 2027(construction)

¹ Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*)

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities (current amendment):

- The project will use fixed-wing aircraft, helicopters, ATVs/side-by-sides, and construction vehicles to transport personnel, equipment, fuel, and supplies.
- The primary airstrip at Nutaaq Camp will be extended by approximately 250 m by 30 m.
- Low-profile exploration trails totaling 17.5 km in length and 1.5 m in width, including short spur trails, will be constructed and operated.
- Trail construction will use brush cutters, ATVs with trailers, a skid steer, and a small backhoe.
- Existing esker material sources along the route and near the camp will be used for trail construction and maintenance.
- The existing Nutaaq Camp, currently for 40 persons, will continue operation and expand to accommodate 60 persons with Weather havens and internal structures without increasing the camp footprint.
- Advanced mineral exploration will include geological mapping, sampling, and exploration drilling using diamond drill rigs and one reverse circulation drill.
- Drill site preparation and access will be done using the proposed exploration trails.
- Diesel and aviation fuel will be stored and used within the existing camp footprint, transitioning to CSA-approved fuel bladders with secondary containment.
- Domestic and drilling water use will comply with existing Nunavut Water Board licence limits.
- Combustible waste and sewage will be incinerated using approved systems.
- Hazardous and non-combustible waste will be removed from the site to approved off-site facilities.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

The NIRB has identified that the previously assessed activities listed above will be considered in the current assessment, especially for potential of cumulative impacts where previous approvals may still be in force.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Documents received and describing the proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/126266 including:

- *NPC Conformity Determination letter,*
- *NPC Project Application*
- *NIRB's Online Application*
- *Wildlife Mitigation and monitoring Plan*
- *Consultation log*
- *Abandonment and restoration plan*
- *Project summary*

- *Fuel spill contingency plan*

The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

By copy of this letter, the NIRB is inviting interested parties and municipalities potentially affected by the project proposal to comment directly to the NIRB by **January 29, 2026**

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/126266. Questions should be directed to the undersigned at (867) 983 – 4604 or vnasit@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosures (4): Public Notice of Screening (English)
Comment Forms (English)

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