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Dear Calvin Ehaloak, Mosha Cote, Richard Dwyer, Jared Ottenhof, Cory Barker, Alisdair Beattie, and Stephanie Coulombe:

RE: NPC File No. 150952 [Coastal dynamics in Kugluktuk and Grise Fiord (Ajuittuq), Nunavut.]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. **Primary land use:** Scientific research.
2. **Project description:** The project has four key study goals:
 - i) supporting Nunavut communities in adapting to coastal changes,
 - ii) monitoring coastal and permafrost conditions,
 - iii) studying ocean physics, geochemistry, and marine life, and
 - iv) assessing the risks of rockslides.
3. **Summary of modifications:**
 - a. Expanded research objectives (14 objectives, see complete project description).
 - b. Six (6) new sample sites located in the Archipelago.

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- c. Change in dates of operation to April-May.
 - d. Site access via snowmobile rather than boat and ATV.
 - e. Temporary camp establishments along the route, fuel caching at Eureka.
4. **Associated NPC File Nos.:** 149466, 149748, 150060, 150279, and 150719
5. **Associated NIRB File No.:** 21YN021
6. **Locations:**
 - a. Qikiqtani (North Baffin Planning Region); [Aujittuq (Grise Fiord) with additional sites at Jones Sound, Norwegian Bay, Eureka Sound, Greely Fjord, Nansen Sond, and Jakeman Glacier] and
 - b. Kitikmeot Region; [Kugluktuk]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. The works and activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by the NPC, including scientific research activities, and conformity determinations were issued on 12 February 2021, 7 April 2022, 27 March 2023, 11 March 2024, and 10 April 2025, which still apply. The project proposal conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP), and the proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendices C, H, and I of the NBRLUP. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No. 21YN021).

The NPC has determined that the above-noted project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the expanded research objectives, additional sample sites, and the use & establishment of temporary camps and fuel cache. The project proposal requires screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the *Nunavut Agreement* as amended because it is for a component or activity that was not part of the original or previously amended proposal, and its inclusion is a significant modification of the project.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:
<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150952>.

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA)* to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits, and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits, and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the *NuPPAA*.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email address or telephone number below.

Sincerely,



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