



December 9, 2013

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Via email: stephen.howell@ec.gc.ca

Re: Application Pending NPC Conformity Determination for Environment Canada-Climate Research Division's "Retrievals of Snow Depth on Sea Ice" Project Proposal

Dear Stephen Howell:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Environment Canada-Climate Research Division's "Retrievals of Snow Depth on Sea Ice" project proposal from Nunavut Research Institute on November 28, 2013. The project proposal submission included the following documents:

- *Nunavut Research Institute Scientific Research Licence Application*
- *Maps*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in Inuktitut*

Your project appears to be located in an area which requires conformity to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan, pursuant to Article 11 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). Please be advised that Proponents are required to submit their project proposals directly to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for a conformity determination. For further information, please contact NPC's Director Regional Planning, Brian Aglukark, at (867) 857-2242 or via email at aglukark@nunavut.ca.

Once a positive conformity determination is made, the NPC will forward its determination and any associated recommendations to the NIRB for screening, if required.

The NIRB conducts screening (environmental impact assessment) of project proposals upon referral from Government departments/agencies and Regional Inuit Associations responsible for authorizing the proposed project works or activities. Please be advised that it is the Proponent's responsibility to apply for all authorizations and approvals required to carry out the proposed project works or activities.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact an environmental administrator at the NIRB at info@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Natasha Lear
Environmental Administrator
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission
Christopher Tickner, Nunavut Planning Commission
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