



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 16DN017

Project Name: The “**Operation Nevus 2016**” project
Proponent Name: Department of National Defence
Project Type: Defence Region: North Baffin Region
Public Registry: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/>
Comment Deadline: **April 29, 2016**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Operation Nevus 2016” project is located within the North Baffin region, approximately 410 kilometres (km) from Grise Fiord. The Proponent intends to conduct its annual regular maintenance on the High Arctic Communications System (HADCS) by the Canadian Armed Forces. The program is proposed to take place in June 2016. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Conduct maintenance and surveys of seven (7) HADCS sites located between Eureka and CFS Alert, including Eureka, Fort Eureka, Quttinirpaq National Park (Tanquary Fiord and Lake Hazen) and CFS Alert
- Use of Eureka or CFS Alert station to command, control and support activities and as staging areas
- Military personnel to stay in and work from Canadian Armed Forces accommodations, whenever possible
- Transportation of personnel to and from each HADCS site using helicopter, twin otter aircraft or Hercules aircraft

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: 16DN017 to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via www.nirb.ca. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Sophia Granchinho, Manager, Impact Assessment toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or sgranchinho@nirb.ca.