



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 16YN040

Project Name: The “Western Hudson Bay Geoscience for Infrastructure” project
Proponent Name: Natural Resources Canada (NRCan)
Project Type: Research Region: Kivalliq Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application: 124676
Comment Deadline: **August 8, 2016**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Western Hudson Bay Geoscience for Infrastructure” project is located within the Kivalliq region, approximately 300 kilometres (km) from Rankin Inlet. The Proponent intends to collect baseline terrain and permafrost data along the western Hudson Bay coast. The program is proposed to take place from August to September of 2016 to 2018. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Collection of geological and geomorphological observations and ground-based geophysical data to support analysis and use of remote sensing products;
- Use of a truck and/or all-terrain vehicle within Rankin Inlet municipal limits to access trails for sampling purposes;
- Transportation of up to three (3) personnel by aircraft between Rankin Inlet, sampling sites, and pre-established tourist and outpost camps for sampling purposes;
- Use of 40 litres (L) of gasoline for all-terrain vehicle, truck, and drills

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: 16YN040 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 Kristina Benoit, Technical Advisor II toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or kbenoit@nirb.ca