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Dear Mr. Cote, Ms. Ohokannoak, Mr. Juniper:

RE: NPC File # 148440 Cambridge Bay Ocean Observatory

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

1. Scientific Research: Continued operation and maintenance of Cambridge Bay Ocean Observatory (since 2012). Activities will include:
 - a. Annual maintenance and upgrades to underwater and shore based observatory infrastructure in Cambridge Bay
 - b. Seawater and sediment sampling in area of observatory
 - c. A community engagement and school program.

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan, and the works and activities listed above were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 12YN034). This project proposal is exempt from the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NUPPAA) under section 235 of that Act. The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB under section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement as amended because it is for a component or activity that was part of the original proposal and its inclusion is not a significant modification of the project.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials are available at the following address:

<http://npc.strata360.com/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148440&sessionid=>

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This decision 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.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 983-4634.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'AV' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Alana Vigna
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