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**Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services’ “3AM-ARV1016 Water Reservoir Cell #3” project proposal**

Dear Megan Lusty:

On May 18, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services’ (GN-CGS) “3AM-ARV1016 Water Reservoir Cell #3” project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). On June 14, 2017 the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by July 5, 2017.

On or before July 5, 2017 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
- Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)

All comment submissions received by the NIRB relating to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB’s online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: 3AM-ARV1016 Water Reservoir Cell #3
- NIRB File No.: 17WN058
- Application No.: 125135

A *summary* of the public concerns reflected in the comment submissions relate to the following:

- The project application does not contain sufficient information to determine whether the proposed activities could result in serious harm to fish, and recommended the Proponent

complete a request for review form in order for DFO to complete the review of the proposal;

- Comply with the *Fisheries Act* and recommended to follow DFO's guidance tool;
- The project application does not contain detailed records of community consultation activities undertaken to discuss potential community concerns regarding the proposed activities; and
- The proposed project has the potential to cause permafrost degradation, and recommended the Proponent provide clarification on its plan to incorporate permafrost protection measures during construction.

The NIRB would like to provide GN-CGS with an opportunity to address the comments noted above prior to the Board rendering its determination for this screening assessment and issuing its subsequent Screening Decision Report to the responsible Minister(s). The NIRB respectfully requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **July 27, 2017**.

If GN-CGS determines that the time required to supply a written response is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca), or through the online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca).

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4982 or [samuno@nirb.ca](mailto:samuno@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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