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Ms. Tara Arko
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Nunavut Impact Review Board
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Dear Ms. Arko:

This is in response to your letter of July 24, 2017, addressed to the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, requesting additional time for the *Nunavut Impact Review Board* to complete the screening decision with respect to Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services "3AM-ARV1016 Water Reservoir Cell #3" Project Proposal (NIRB 17WN058, NPC 148586).

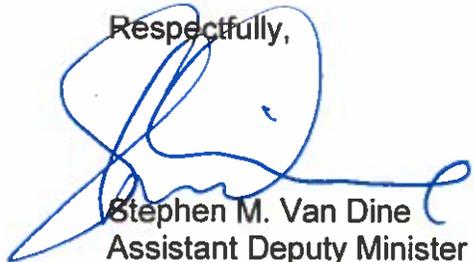
On the Minister's behalf, I am granting the *Nunavut Impact Review Board* permission to exercise this provision of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* and exceed the 45-day limit for the screening of this project. Under section 92(4) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, the period of time required for the screening of a project proposal by the *Nunavut Impact Review Board* may exceed 45 days with the approval of the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs.

I recognize that this project proposal involves unique considerations making screening within 45 days impossible for the *Nunavut Impact Review Board*. I would like to thank the *Nunavut Impact Review Board* for its diligence in reviewing this proposal.

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Should you have questions or concerns regarding my reply, please do not hesitate to contact Tracey McCaie, Manager, Land Administration, Land Administration, Nunavut Region, at (867)975-4280.

Respectfully,



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