

NUNALIVUT 2018

DETAILS

English: Operation Nunavut is a sovereignty operation conducted annually since 2007 in Canada's North. The overall aim is to further enhance the Canadian Armed Forces' (CAF) knowledge and capacity to operate in austere locations and challenging environments, while allowing the CAF to demonstrate their ability to effectively respond to safety and security issues in the Arctic. Operation Nunavut 2018 (Op NU 18) will be conducted with patrols on the land, on the sea ice, underwater, and in the air. Op NU 18 will consist of approximately 300 CAF personnel. Op NU 18 will occur from 23 February to 19 March 2018 in the Kitikmeot Region (Cambridge Bay and surrounding area) and Qikiqtaaluk Region (Resolute Bay and surrounding area). Near Cambridge Bay, a Canadian Army platoon and Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) dive team will be supported by members of 1st Canadian Ranger Patrol Group (1stCRPG) for a total of approximately 90 personnel. Patrols and diving operations will be performed on the sea ice. A live fire range is planned to be conducted on the sea ice. In Resolute Bay, a Canadian Army company will be supported by members of 1stCRPG for a total of approximately 90 personnel. Patrols will be performed on the sea ice to the in the vicinity of Resolute Bay, conducting training in arctic survival skills. A live fire range is planned to be conducted on the sea ice. A Task Force Headquarters will be established in Resolute Bay consisting of approximately 20 members with an additional 40 support personnel. The Department of National Defense / Canadian Armed Forces is committed to the environment. All members participating in Op NU 18 will employ environmental stewardship and best management practices to ensure that the land is not impacted.

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Inuinnaqtun: Aulatyutit Nunalivut tamna nunagiyaayumun aulatyutit havagiyat ukiuq tamaat taimangat 2007 tahamani Kanataup Ukiurtaqtuani. Tapkuat tamaita tugagat pivaliqtitninut tapkuat Kanatamiuni Anguyaktit (CAF-kut) ilihimani pilaqnitlu aulaninik tikittigittuni inigiaini akhurnaqtutlu avatigiyaitand, huli pipkaqhugit tapkuat CAF-kut takupkaqni pilarniqtik atuttiaqtumik hugiaqnit hivuganaitninut nautiumatainutlu pityutit tahamani Ukiurtaqtumi. Aulatyutit Nunalivut 2018 (Op NU 18) havagiyauniat kamayiqaglutik nunanut, tagiuplu hikuagut, immap iluagut, qangatayunilu, Op NU 18 ilaqagiat mikhaani

300 CAF-kut havaktit. Op NU 18 atuqtauniaq talvanga 23 Fibruari tikitlugu 19 Matyi, 2018 tahamani Kitikmeotni (Ikaluktutiak avataanittutlu nunat) tamnalu Qikiqtaalukmi (Qauhuittuq avataanittutlu nunat). Haniani Ikaluktutiak, tamna Kanatamiuni Anguyaktit anguyaktigiyai tapkuatlu Royal Kanatamiuni Tagiuqni Anguyaktit (RCN-kut) aglugaqtit havaqatigit ikayuqtauniat ilauyunit tapkunani 1 Kanatamiuni Unataqtukhagalaat ilagiit (1 CRPG-kut) tapkuat lkatitlugit mikhaani 90 havaktit. Munaqhiyut tapkuatlu aglugaqtut aulatyutai havagiyauniat tagiup hikuani. Tapkuat qaqtuqnut hiqugaqnit parnagutauyuq atuqtaunikha tahamani tagiup hikuani. Qauhuittumi, tamna Kanatamiuni Anguyaktit ilagiit ikayuqtauniat ilauyunit tapkunanga 1 CRPG-kut katitlugit mikhaani 90 havaktit. Munaqhiyut havagiyauniat tagiup hikuani tahamani haniani Qauhuittuq, atuqni ilihagait ukiurtaqtumi annaumanigmun ayuitninit. Tamna qaqyuliknik hiqugarniq parnagutauyuq atuqtaunia tagiup hikuani. Tamna Havat Havakti Atanigaqvia pinguqtauniaq talvani Qauhuittuqmi piqaqniaq mikhaani 20 ilauyut ilagiallutik 40 ikayuqtikhat havaktinik. Tamna Timinga Nunaqyuaqmi Anguyaktit / Kanatamiuni Anguyaktit atuqpiagahuaqtai tahaphumunga avatigiyaayumun. Tamaita piqatauyut talvani Op NU 18 havaktitniaqtai avatiliqutitut pittiaqnit nakuuniqhamiklu aulataunit pitquhiit atuqpiagiangi tahamna nuna aktuangittanga.

Personnel

Personnel on site: 110

Days on site: 18

Total Person days: 1980

Operations Phase: from 2018-03-01 to 2018-03-19

Activities

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Location	Activity Type	Land Status	Site history	Site archaeological or paleontological value	Proximity to the nearest communities and any protected areas
Cambridge Bay Op Box	Camp	Inuit Owned Surface Lands	This application is to secure an alternative, non-sea-ice, locations to the primary sea-ice sites.	Unknown	Unknown
Cambridge Bay Op Box	Camp	Crown	This application is to secure an alternative, non-sea-ice, locations to the primary sea-ice sites.	Unknown	Unknown
Resolute Bay Op Box	Camp	Inuit Owned Surface Lands	This application is to secure an alternative, non-sea-ice, locations to the primary sea-ice sites.	Unknown	Unknown
Resolute Bay Op Box	Camp	Crown	This application is to secure an alternative, non-sea-ice, locations to the primary sea-ice sites.	Unknown	Unknown
Live Fire Range Site near Cambridge Bay	Other	Crown	Unknown	Unknown	Sea ice off Finlayson Islands, approx. 37 km west off the community of Cambridge Bay
Live Fire Range Site near Resolute Bay	Other	Crown	Unknown	Unknown	Approx. 1.67 km east off the community of Resolute Bay

Community Involvement & Regional Benefits

Community	Name	Organization	Date Contacted
Cambridge Bay	Fred Muise	The Municipality of Cambridge Bay	2017-12-05

Authorizations

Indicate the areas in which the project is located

Kitikmeot
North Baffin

Authorizations

Regulatory Authority	Authorization Description	Current Status	Date Issued / Applied	Expiry Date
Other	NPC, Conformity Determination Letter	Active	2016-11-12	
Kitikmeot Inuit Association	Application for Access to IOL	Not Yet Applied		
Qikiqtani Inuit	Application for Access	Not Yet Applied		

Association	to IOL			
Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada	Land Use Permit Application	Not Yet Applied		

Project transportation types

Transportation Type	Quantity	Proposed Use	Length of Use
Air	0	Aircrafts (CC-138, CC-130, CC-177) and helicopter (CH-146)	
Water	0	On sea ice - Light-Over-Snow-Vehicles (LOSVs) and snowmobiles	
Land	0	BV206 (MOSV), LOSVs and snowmobiles	

Project accomodation types

Temporary Camp

Other,

Material Use

Equipment to be used (including drills, pumps, aircraft, vehicles, etc)

Equipment Type	Quantity	Size - Dimensions	Proposed Use
Aircraft, CC-177 Globemaster	1	L53m/W52m/H17m	Transportation of troops & equipment
Aircraft, CC-130 Hercules	1	L30m/W40m/H11m	Transportation of troops & equipment
Aircraft, CC-138 Twin Otter	3	L15.1m/W9.81m/H5.66m	Transportation of troops & equipment
Helicopter, CH – 146 Griffon	1	L17m/W14m/H4.6m	Transportation of troops & equipment
BV206, MOSV	2	L5.72m/W2.01m/H2.72m	Transportation of troops & equipment
LOSV	90	L3.00m/W1.30m/H1.20m	Transportation of troops & equipment
Heater	20	L4.24m/W2.75m/H1.20m	Heating
5kW Generator	2	L4.0m/W3m/H.2m	Power generation
Compression Chamber	1	L2.1m/W1.3m/H2.0m	Safety in case of diver nitrogen poisoning

Detail Fuel and Hazardous Material Use

Detail fuel material use:	Fuel Type	Number of containers	Container Capacity	Total Amount	Units	Proposed Use
Diesel	fuel	29	205	5945	Liters	Transportation, heating & power generation
Gasoline	fuel	27	205	5535	Liters	Transportation
Naphtha	fuel	4	5	20	Liters	Cooking and heating
Oil	fuel	50	5	250	Liters	Transportation

Water Consumption

Daily amount (m3)	Proposed water retrieval methods	Proposed water retrieval location
1	Ice blocks	Municipal water plant

Waste

Waste Management

Project Activity	Type of Waste	Projected Amount Generated	Method of Disposal	Additional treatment procedures
Access Road	Combustible wastes	100 lbs/day	All combustible waste produced in the field will be returned to the nearest settlement for proper disposal by contract.	None
Other	Greywater	100 lbs/day	Greywater produced at temporary camp sites, is anticipated to be minimal where use of water will be mostly for personal consumption (drinking and cooking). Greywater produced at Cambridge Bay and CAFATC will be disposed of via existing infrastructure.	None
Other	Hazardous waste	Unknown	All hazardous waste will	None

			be shipped to larger urban centers for proper disposal by qualified operators.	
Other	Non-Combustible wastes	100 lbs/day	All non-combustible waste produced in the field will be returned to the nearest settlement for proper disposal by contract.	None
Camp	Sewage (human waste)	100 lbs/day	Human waste produced in the field will be collected (bagged) and shipped south for proper disposal.	None

Environmental Impacts:

Please see Project Description document attached herein.

Additional Information

SECTION A1: Project Info

SECTION A2: Allweather Road

SECTION A3: Winter Road

SECTION B1: Project Info

SECTION B2: Exploration Activity

SECTION B3: Geosciences

SECTION B4: Drilling

SECTION B5: Stripping

SECTION B6: Underground Activity

SECTION B7: Waste Rock

SECTION B8: Stockpiles

SECTION B9: Mine Development

SECTION B10: Geology

SECTION B11: Mine

SECTION B12: Mill

SECTION C1: Pits

SECTION D1: Facility

SECTION D2: Facility Construction

SECTION D3: Facility Operation

SECTION D4: Vessel Use

SECTION E1: Offshore Survey

SECTION E2: Nearshore Survey

SECTION E3: Vessel Use

SECTION F1: Site Cleanup

SECTION G1: Well Authorization

SECTION G2: Onland Exploration

SECTION G3: Offshore Exploration

SECTION G4: Rig

SECTION H1: Vessel Use

SECTION H2: Disposal At Sea

SECTION I1: Municipal Development

Description of Existing Environment: Physical Environment

Description of Existing Environment: Biological Environment

All activity conducted in this area is assessed as low impact and any wildlife sightings will be recorded and reported. Peary Caribou are an endangered species and live in the vicinity of Resolute Bay. Dolphin and Union Caribou are a species of special concern and live in the vicinity of Cambridge Bay. Human activities have the potential to disturb these animals, however any caribou seen will be avoided minimizing the potential disturbance of any individual caribou or caribou herds.

Description of Existing Environment: Socio-economic Environment

Based on all of the information available regarding the proposed Op NU 18 and the surrounding environment, if designed and carried out using the knowledge of the local I CRPG members in to addition to the identified mitigation measures, and follow-up programs and monitoring, Op NU 18 is not likely to cause any significant effect on the environment.

Identification of Impacts and Proposed Mitigation Measures

The following is a list of potential impacts which could result from the proposed activities:

- Activity and vehicle traffic from the proposed activities is expected to increase ambient noise levels and may also cause minor disturbance to the wildlife within the vicinity of activity locations. However, since all activities will be temporary, impacts are expected to be minimal.
- Vehicles involved in Op NU 18 will release particulate into the atmosphere and contribute to greenhouse gas emissions. Air quality in the vicinity of activities may be temporarily reduced due to the increased fumes. However, due to the relatively short duration of the activity, and the use of new, lower emission vehicles, impacts to the atmosphere are expected to be minimal.
- Despite direction to ensure all waste material is to be properly contained and transported back for disposal, the potential exists for waste material produced during Op NU 18 to litter property or be windblown onto surrounding locations. However, every effort will be made to ensure this does not happen; therefore, the impact is considered to be easily mitigated and insignificant.
- Should a fuel leak and/or spill occur from vehicles, equipment, etc, the possibility exists for contamination of ground water resources, soil and/or surface water. However, all units traveling outside Resolute Bay or Cambridge Bay will have spill cleanup supplies, and will be instructed on their use; therefore, the potential for a malfunction and/or accident to cause any significant impact is low.
- Peary Caribou are an endangered species and live in the vicinity of Resolute Bay. Dolphin and Union Caribou are a species of special concern and live in the vicinity of Cambridge Bay. Human activities have the potential to disturb these animals, however any caribou seen will be avoided minimizing the potential disturbance of any individual caribou or caribou herds. While there is potential for activities to impact the environment, mitigation measures have been established to minimize their significance. These mitigation measures include, but are not limited, to:
- An environmental brief will be provided to personnel involved in the exercise to ensure they have the required general level of environmental awareness and knowledge, and are aware of requirements related to wildlife prevention, response and reporting.
- Vehicle movement will be restricted in sensitive areas. In the event established trails are impassable, personnel will be instructed to use alternate routes for as limited a distance as necessary.
- Individuals will be tasked to ensure waste material and litter is collected on the site prior to departing the camp location. All waste produced on site will be packed out to Resolute Bay or Cambridge Bay for proper disposal.
- In order to prevent any unnecessary wildlife encounters, all waste will be appropriately contained, stored and removed from the sites as soon as possible.
- All caribou will be avoided and not disturbed in any way.
- Personnel will keep at least 1 km away from the boundary of the Polar Bear Pass National Wildlife Area.
- Personnel will be made aware of the potential for threats from local wildlife and instructed to avoid encounters or disrupt any wildlife unless absolutely necessary.
- Local treatment systems and municipal landfill or incineration will be used for the disposal of human waste. Waste generated during foot patrols or when municipal services are otherwise unavailable, will be bagged and packed out for appropriate disposal.
- Local landfill or incineration will be used for the disposal of combustible waste. Disposal will occur in accordance with territorial and municipal regulations (waste will be handled by contract).
- Local landfill, incineration or recycling centers, where available, will be used for the disposal of non-combustible wastes. Disposal will occur in accordance with territorial and municipal requirements (waste will be handled and disposed by contract).
- All noise making activities will be limited as much as possible.
- Vehicles and equipment will be maintained in good repair to prevent leakage of fuel, oil,

etc. • Generators will be placed within suitable containment throughout the operation, and will be emptied for transportation; • When in Resolute Bay or Cambridge Bay, all vehicle/equipment refueling will occur in a central location. • Use of spill containment items including drip pans or mobile plastic berms will be maximized during refueling. • All fuel storage systems and containers to be used in Op NU 18 will be transported, stored, protected, etc. according to proper legislation, regulation, codes and guidelines. • All hazardous materials (HAZMAT) and fuel will be stored in approved storage containers and facilities, including compliant secondary containment and will be stored in accordance with municipal, territorial, and federal regulations; • HAZMAT prevention/response resources (spill pans, hydrocarbon spill pads, absorbent, etc.) will be available and ready for use if required. Spill kits will be specifically located at all fuel storage areas, vehicle maintenance areas and refueling areas. • All hazardous materials (HAZMAT), fuel storage, generator and vehicle parking areas are subject to inspection by environmental support staff. All involved elements will appoint an environmental representative, accountable for the supervision of best environmental practices; • HAZMAT waste will be appropriately packaged and transported to a suitable facility for disposal, in accordance with appropriate regulations – provided by a third party waste disposal facility if required; and, • Photographs will be taken of all training location sites, and temporary camp locations before, during and after use. Based on all of the information available regarding the proposed Op NU 18 and the surrounding environment, if designed and carried out using the knowledge of the local ICRPG members in addition to the identified mitigation measures, and follow-up programs and monitoring, Op NU 18 is not likely to cause any significant effect on the environment.

Cumulative Effects

Impacts

Identification of Environmental Impacts

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(P = Positive, N = Negative and non-mitigatable, M = Negative and mitigatable, U = Unknown)