



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 16DN063

Project Name: The “**Operation NUNAVLIVUT 2018**” project
Proponent Name: Department of National Defence (DND)
Project Type: Defence Region: Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani Regions
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125201
Comment Deadline: **January 22, 2018**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Operation NUNALIVUT 2018” project is located within the Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani regions, near the communities of Cambridge Bay and Resolute Bay. The Proponent intends to conduct military exercises to enhance the Canadian Armed Forces’ (CAF) knowledge and capacity to operate in challenging environments, while allowing the CAF to demonstrate their ability to effectively respond to safety and security issues in the Arctic. The program is proposed to take place from February to March 2018. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of Military aircrafts, including Twin Otters and a helicopter to support airborne military exercises, including transportation of personnel and equipment
- Mobilization of approximately 300 CAF personnel in Cambridge Bay and Resolute Bay for military exercises
- Use of generators, compression chamber, and portable heaters for power generation, dive safety and heating
- Use of tracked and all terrain-military vehicles and snowmobiles to support military exercises

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: 16DN063 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 Mia Otokiak, Junior Technical Advisor toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or motokiak@nirb.ca.