NOTICE OF SCREENING

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 18YN016

Project Name:	The **"Churchill Marine Observatory – Environmental Observing (CMO-EO) System"** project	
Proponent Name:	University of Manitoba	
Project Type:	Research	Region: Kivalliq and Qikiqtani Regions
Public Registry:	www.nirb.ca	125299
Comment Deadline:	**April 23, 2018**	

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed "Churchill Marine Observatory – Environmental Observing (CMO-EO) System" project is located within the Kivalliq and Qikiqtani regions, and in proximity to Arviat, Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet, Baker Lake, Coral Harbour, Naujaat, Hall Beach, Igloolik, Cape Dorset, Kimmirut, and Sanikiluaq. The Proponent intends to conduct research on detection, impact and mitigation of spills of oil and related contaminants in sea ice-covered waters and increase baseline knowledge of general oceanography. The program is proposed to take place from June 2018 to September 2025. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- An Oil-in-Sea-Ice Mesocosm with two (2) saltwater sub-pools in Churchill;
- Treatment of greywater and sewage onboard the vessels and disposal of combustible wastes at approved waste disposal facilities.
- An environmental observatory system consisting of the following:
  - Collection of water samples;
  - Collection of zooplankton and fish

Please visit the NIRB's public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: 125299 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 Cassel Kapolak, Environmental Administrator toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or ckapolak@nirb.ca.