

SCREENING DECISION

October 31, 2003

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Dear Mr. Kudloo:

**RE: Screening Decision of the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) on Application:
NIRB: #03DN121 NWB: #NWB5FOH
Water License for FOX-M, Hall Beach Project, Hall Beach, NU**

Authority:

Section 12.4.4 of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement states:

Upon receipt of a project proposal, NIRB shall screen the proposal and indicate to the Minister in writing that:

- a) the proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5;
- b) the proposal requires review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB shall identify particular issues or concerns which should be considered in such a review;
- c) the proposal is insufficiently developed to permit proper screening, and should be returned to the proponent for clarification; or
- d) the potential adverse impacts of the proposal are so unacceptable that it should be modified or abandoned.

Primary Objectives:

The primary objectives of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement are set out in section 12.2.5 of the Land Claims Agreement. This section reads:

In carrying out its functions, the primary objectives of NIRB shall be at all times to protect and promote the existing and future well-being of the residents and communities of the Nunavut Settlement Area, and to protect the ecosystemic integrity of the Nunavut Settlement Area. NIRB shall take into account the well-being of the residents of Canada outside the Nunavut Settlement Area.

The decision of the Board in this case is 12.4.4 (a) **the proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5;**

Reasons for Decision:

NIRB's decision is based on specific considerations that reflect the primary objectives of the Land Claims Agreement. Our considerations in making this decision included:

- impact to water quality, aquatic habitat, wildlife and fish populations;
- storage and disposal of chemicals, fuel, garbage, sewage, and gray water, and impact of these on the ecosystem;

Terms and Conditions:

That the terms and conditions attached to this screening report will apply.

Water

1. The Licensee shall ensure that fresh water for domestic purposes is obtained from Windy Lake.
2. The Licensee shall ensure that all water intake hoses are equipped with a screen with an appropriate mesh size to ensure that there is no entrapment of fish.
3. If operations require water in sufficient volume that the source waterbody may be drawn down, please submit details (volume required, size of waterbody, etc.) to DFO for review. DFO does not recommend the use of streams as a water source.

Fuel and Chemical Storage

4. The Licensee shall ensure that fuel storage containers are not located within thirty-one (31) metres of the ordinary high water mark of any body of water.
5. The Licensee shall ensure that any chemicals, fuels or wastes associated with the project do not spread to the surrounding lands or enter into any water body.
6. The Licensee shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent the possibility of migration of spilled petroleum fuel or chemicals over the ground surface.
7. The Licensee shall examine all fuel and chemical storage containers daily for leaks. All leaks should be prepared immediately.
8. The Licensee shall seal all container outlets except the outlet currently in use.
9. The Licensee shall mark all fuel containers with the Licensee's name.
10. The Licensee shall dispose of all combustible waste petroleum products by incineration and removal from the site.
11. The Licensee shall have an approved emergency response and spill contingency plans in place prior to the commencement of the operation.
12. The Licensee shall immediately report all spills of petroleum and hazardous chemicals to the twenty-four (24) hour spill report line at (867) 920-8130.

Waste Disposal

13. The Licensee shall not discharge or deposit any refuse substances or other waste materials in any body of water, or on the banks thereof, which will impair the quality of the waters of the natural environment.
14. The Licensee, prior to the discharge of fluids from any sump, shall carry out an analysis of the fluid in a manner prescribed by the NWB.
15. The Licensee shall treat greywater and sewage according to the terms and conditions outlined in the NWB approval.
16. The Licensee shall incinerate all combustible and food wastes daily. The Licensee shall use as a minimum incineration method a 45 gallon drum modified to form a more efficient incinerator.
17. The Licensee shall keep all garbage and debris in a covered metal container until disposed of.
18. The Licensee shall ensure that all wastes generated through the course of the operation are backhauled and disposed of in an approved dumpsite.
19. The Licensee shall deposit all scrap metal, discarded machinery and parts, barrels and kegs, at an approved disposal site.

Wildlife

20. The Licensee shall ensure that there is no damage to wildlife habitat in conducting this operation.
21. The Licensee shall not feed wildlife.
22. That the Licensee shall ensure that there is no hunting by employees of the company or any contractors hired.
23. The Licensee shall ensure compliance with Section 36 of the Fisheries Act, which requires that no person shall deposit or permit the deposit of a deleterious substance on any type in water frequented by fish or in any place under any conditions where the deleterious substance may enter such a water body.
24. The harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat is prohibited under Section 35 of the Fisheries Act. No construction or disturbance of any stream/lake bed or banks of any definable watercourse is permitted unless authorized by DFO.

Environmental

25. The Licensee shall ensure that the land use area is kept clean and tidy at all times.
26. The Licensee shall not do anything that will cause erosion of the banks of any body of water on or adjacent to the land and shall provide necessary controls to prevent such erosion.
27. The Licensee shall be required to undertake any corrective measures in the event of any damage to the land or water as a result of the Licensee's operation.
28. The Licensee shall adopt such measures as required to control erosion by surface disturbance.
29. Energy diffusers, plastic sheeting, filter cloth and/or straw bales should be installed as required to provide filtering and avoid scouring and sedimentation at the outfall area.

Structure & Storage Facilities

30. Any stockpiled or permanently removed materials should be stored and stabilized away from any watercourse.
31. The Licensee shall locate all structures and storage facilities on gravel, sand or other durable land.
32. The Licensee may only stockpile in areas designated
33. The Licensee shall use existing housing and operational facilities.

Archaeological Sites

34. The Permittee shall follow all terms and conditions for the protection and restoration of archaeological resources as outlined by the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youths (CLEY) in attached letter.

Reclamation

35. The Licensee shall complete all clean-up and restoration of the lands used prior to the expiry date of the permit.
36. The Licensee shall undertake ongoing restoration for any land or improvements which are no longer required for the Licensee's operation on the land.

Other Recommendations

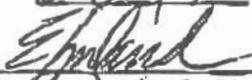
1. NIRB would like to encourage the proponent to hire local people and services, to the extent possible.
2. Any amendment requests deemed by NIRB to be outside the original scope of the project will be considered a new project.
3. The Environmental Protection Branch (DOE), Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB), and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) should be advised of any material changes to plans or operating conditions associated with the project.

Validity of Land Claims Agreement

Section 2.12.2

Where there is any inconsistency or conflict between any federal, territorial and local government laws, and the Agreement, the Agreement shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict.

Dated Oct 31/03 at Arviat, NU


Elizabeth Copland, Chairperson

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Via Facsimile

RE: NIRB QSDN121 - Nasittuq Corp. - FOX-M Hall Beach Project

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned application. The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to Environment Canada's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Nasittuq Corp. has applied for a water license application in order to allow the Hall Beach Auxiliary Radar Station (FOX-M) to continue to serve as a Long Range Radar (LRR) station. The station is fully manned with an average occupancy of 18 persons, with higher occupancy during the summer. The site is located on the eastern side of Melville Peninsula.

Environment Canada requires the following information in order to facilitate the review of this application:

- A map detailing the location of the monitoring points at the proposed outfall area where leachate monitoring will be completed.
- The maps included with the application indicate that the sewage lagoon on site was decommissioned circa 1997 (FOX-M Site Plan). However, the application documents indicate that tertiary sewage treatment will be used to treat camp sewage and greywater. Environment Canada requests a map indicating the location of the treatment facilities, especially in relation to water.
- Clarification regarding whether the landfill which is referred to in the application documents is the municipal landfill used by the Hamlet of Hall Beach, or a separate landfill distinct to the FOX-M Dewline site. If the landfill is distinct to the FOX-M site, EC requests a map indicating its location, especially in relation to water.
- The application indicates that for the treatment of drinking water, disinfection using UV will replace iodine at the FOX-M site by the end of 2003. Environment Canada requests clarification whether this transition has been completed. If not, when is the new system likely to be put into place?

Environment Canada recommends that the following conditions be applied throughout all stages of the project:

- The proponent shall not deposit, nor permit the deposit of any fuel, chemicals, wastes or sediment into any water body. According to the *Fisheries Act*, Section 36(3), the deposition of deleterious substances of any type in water frequented by fish, or in any place under any conditions where the deleterious substance, or any other deleterious



substance that results from the deposit of the deleterious substance, may enter any such water, is prohibited.

- The application indicates that there are no expected alterations to the roads on site. If maintenance work is to be done on the roads (i.e. grading, etc...), EC recommends that measures be taken to ensure that there is no sedimentation of the surrounding waterbodies as a result of such work.
- Environment Canada recommends that the proponent ensure that bulky scrap materials generated during the course of the project which are to be deposited in the landfill do not result in void spaces in the landfill. Bulky materials should be segregated from the rest of the domestic waste.
- The proponent shall ensure that all spills are documented and reported to the NWT 24 hour Spill Line at (867) 920-8130.
- Given that FOX-M is a point of delivery for bulk supplies of fuel, there is a large amount of fuel being stored on site. Therefore, EC recommends the use of secondary containment such as self supporting insta-berms.
- All fuel storage areas shall be located above the high water mark and in such a manner as to prevent the contents from entering any waterbody frequented by fish.
- The proponent shall ensure that only non-hazardous materials are disposed of at the landfill. All hazardous materials, including waste oil, shall receive proper treatment and disposal at an approved facility.
- Environment Canada recommends that drip pans, or other similar preventative measures, be used when refuelling equipment on site.
- Environment Canada recommends the use of an approved incinerator for the disposal of combustible camp wastes.

If there are any changes in the proposed project, EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4639 or by email at colette.meloche@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,



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Dear Maj. Cameron:

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans – Eastern Arctic Area (DFO) received the above-mentioned project proposal, submitted on your behalf by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB). To expedite future correspondence or inquiries, please refer to your file number when you contact us.

File #: NU-03-0166

As outlined in the following plans:

- *Water Licence Application Form* submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) and dated August 13, 2003
- *Exploration/Remote Camp Supplementary Questionnaire* submitted to NWB on August 13, 2003 with attached site plans, project description, and Spill Contingency Plan

It is our understanding that works associated with your water licence renewal include the following:

- The use of approximately 2,190,000 litres of water per year pumped from Water Lake for domestic purposes
- The water intake in Water Lake is equipped with a mesh screen
- Wastes created on site and treatment/disposal methods are as follows:
 - Sewage Tertiary sewage treatment system
 - Solid Waste Burn in burn bin and landfill
 - Hazardous Retrograde to licensed disposal facility
 - Bulky Items/Scrap Metal Stockpile and retrograde
 - Waste oil Retrograde to licensed disposal facility
 - Greywater Tertiary sewage treatment system
- The premise is manned all year round with an average population of 18 people; higher occupancy in the summer

- The station has been manned since the 1950's (during both the Distant Early Warning System and the present North Warning System programs)
- From 1989 to 1995, the station was fully manned with an average occupancy of 15 persons year round; since 1995, the station has been an unmanned facility
- Leachate monitoring will be done at the proposed outfall area; effluent quality will be assessed based on the *Guidelines for Effluent Quality and Wastewater Treatment at Federal Establishments*

If these plans have changed since the time of your submission, the advice provided in this letter may not be applicable to your circumstances and you should consult with us to determine if further review is required.

Field operations in or near water may result in the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat (HADD), which is prohibited under Section 35 of the *Fisheries Act*. The following mitigation measures are intended to prevent any potentially harmful impacts to fish and fish habitat resulting from your proposed works:

1. If operations require water in sufficient volume that the source waterbody may be drawn down, please submit details (volume required, size of waterbody, etc.) to DFO for review. DFO does not recommend the use of streams as a water source.
2. The intake pipe in Water Lake should be screened and maintained according to the *Freshwater Intake End-of-pipe Fish Screen Guideline* (DFO 1995), available upon request.
3. Any stockpiled or permanently removed materials should be stored and stabilized away from any watercourse.
4. Erosion of disturbed surfaces should be controlled with proper revegetation. All disturbed areas should be stabilized and re-vegetated as required upon the completion of work and restored to a pre-disturbed state or better. Until revegetation is complete, temporary erosion control practices (e.g., silt fences, bales) may be required to effectively control sediment.
5. Energy diffusers, plastic sheeting, filter cloth and/or straw bales should be installed as required to provide filtering and avoid scouring and sedimentation at the outfall area.

With the additional measures outlined above, the proposed work will not likely result in HADD, which is prohibited unless authorized by DFO.

Pursuant to Section 35(1) of the *Fisheries Act*, it is unlawful to conduct any work or undertaking that results in the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat (HADD). In this regard, please note that this Letter of Advice is intended to provide recommendations to the proponent, to ensure that the proposed works are conducted in such a manner that adverse impacts to fish habitat are avoided. This is not an Authorization under Section 35(2) of the *Fisheries Act* to conduct works that will result in HADD. If harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat occurs as a result of failure to follow the mitigation measures outlined in your plans and this Letter of Advice, contravention of Section 35(1) of the *Fisheries Act* could occur.

Also, please be aware that pursuant to Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, it is unlawful to deposit any deleterious substance, including sediment, into waters frequented by fish. To prevent any such deposit, the following mitigation measures should also be incorporated into your plans:

1. All materials and equipment used for the purpose of site preparation and project completion should be operated and stored in a manner that prevents any deleterious substance (e.g., petroleum products, debris, etc.) from entering the water.
2. The cleaning, fuelling and servicing of equipment should be conducted in an area from which spills and wash water will not enter any waterbody. This may include the use of berms or dykes and suitable setback distances (100 metres where conditions allow).

All spills of oil, fuel, or other deleterious material should be reported immediately to the 24-Hour Spill Line at (867) 920-8130. In addition, pursuant to Section 38(5) of the *Fisheries Act*, you are required to take all reasonable measures to prevent, counteract, mitigate or remedy any adverse effects that result, or may reasonably be expected to result from any such occurrence.

Please note that this letter of advice does not release you from the responsibility for obtaining any other approvals that may be required under federal, territorial or municipal legislation.

If you have any questions concerning the measures listed, or should there be any changes to the proposed work, please contact me directly at (867) 979-8011.

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