



The primary objectives of the NIRB are set out in Article 12, Section 12.2.5 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and are confirmed by s. 23 of the *NuPPAA*:

*Nunavut Agreement*, Article 12, Section 12.2.5: 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 purpose of screening is provided for under Article 12, Section 12.4.1 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 88 of the *NuPPAA* which states:

*NuPPAA*, s. 88: The purpose of screening a project is to determine whether the project has the potential to result in significant ecosystemic or socio-economic impacts and, accordingly, whether it requires a review by the Board...

To determine whether a review of a project is required, the NIRB is guided by the considerations as set out under Article 12, Section 12.4.2(a) and (b) of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 89(1) of *NuPPAA* which states:

*NuPPAA*, s. 89(1): The Board must be guided by the following considerations when it is called on to determine, on the completion of a screening, whether a review of the project is required:

- (a) a review is required if, in the Board's opinion,
  - i. the project may have significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic impacts or significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities,
  - ii. the project will cause significant public concern, or
  - iii. the project involves technological innovations, the effects of which are unknown; and
- (b) a review is not required if, in the Board's opinion,
  - i. the project is unlikely to cause significant public concern, and
  - ii. its adverse ecosystemic and socioeconomic impacts are unlikely to be significant, or are highly predictable and can be adequately mitigated by known technologies.

It is noted that under Article 12, Section 12.4.2(c) and s. 89(2) of the *NuPPAA* provides that the considerations set out in s.89(1)(a) prevail over the considerations set out in s. 89(1)(b) of the *NuPPAA*.

As set out under Article 12, Section 12.4.4 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 92(1) of the *NuPPAA*, upon conclusion of the screening process, the Board must provide its written report the Minister. The contents of the NIRB's report are specified under *NuPPAA*:

*NuPPAA*, s. 92(1): The Board must submit a written report to the responsible Minister containing a description of the project that specifies its scope and indicating that:

- (a) a review of the project is not required;
- (b) a review of the project is required; or
- (c) the project should be modified or abandoned.

Where the NIRB determines that a project may be carried out without a review, the NIRB has the discretion to recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval of the project proposal pursuant to paragraph 92(2)(a) of *NuPPAA* as follows:

*NuPPAA*, s. 92(2) In its report, the Board may also

- (a) recommend specific terms and conditions to apply in respect of a project that it determines may be carried out without a review.

## PROJECT REFERRAL

On October 26, 2018 the NIRB received a referral to screen the Department of National Defence's (DND) "FOX-M, Hall Beach Water Licence Renewal" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). The NPC noted that the project proposal was outside the area of an applicable Regional Land Use Plan and determined that the project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the inclusion of a hydrocarbon landfarm.

Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 87 of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB commenced screening this project proposal. Due to the proposal containing activities that are sufficiently related to previously assessed activities under NIRB file number **03DN013**, the NIRB viewed this project proposal as an amendment to the previously screened project and assigned the proposal with this previous file number.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW & THE NIRB ASSESSMENT PROCESS

### 1. Information Requests

On October 26, 2018 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that the information provided be sufficient to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and that sufficient information has been provided to commence screening. On October 31, 2018 the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

### 2. Project Scope

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/125417](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125417).

The "Dew Line Site Clean-up, Hall Beach Area, NU" project activities as previously screened by the NIRB (NIRB File No. 03DN013) included annual maintenance, site clean up and remediation

activities. A complete description of the scope of activities previously approved has been included within [Appendix A](#).

The DND is currently proposing the “FOX-M, Hall Beach Water Licence Renewal” project which would be located in the same area as previously approved and would be located within the Qikiqtani (South Baffin) region, approximately 3.5 kilometres (km) south from Hall Beach. The Proponent intends to amend the scope of previously approved activities to construct a landfarm for remediation of hydrocarbon impacted soils. The program is proposed to take place from March 2019 to March 2029.

As required under s. 86(1) of the *NuPPAA*, the Board accepts the scope of the FOX-M, Hall Beach Water Licence Renewal project proposal as set out by DND in the proposal. The scope of the project proposal includes the following undertakings, works, or activities:

- Construction, operation, and decommissioning of landfarm facility for remediating hydrocarbon impacted soil including:
  - Ground preparation including removal of organic materials and debris;
  - Use of pick-up truck and heavy equipment (loader, grader, dozer, excavator, water truck, fuel truck) on site for remediation activities;
  - Construction of roadways for access;
  - Placement of Type B hydrocarbon contaminated soils in landfarm which would include:
    - Distribution of granular nutrients over the surface of contaminated soil;
    - Use of water spray to maintain optimum moisture content within soil;
    - Tilling of soil every 5-10 days;
  - Collection of and recycling of leachate water;
  - Collection of soil samples to ensure soil is remediating; and
  - Decommissioning of landfarming operation to the Canadian Council of Minister of Environment (CCME) Canadian Soil Quality Standards for commercial coarse-grained soil.
- Sample and test water from within bermed fuel storage facilities at sites prior to release just outside the berm if it meets discharge criteria, if it does not meet discharge criteria, the contaminated water as HAZMAT to be shipped offsite and disposed of in a licenced waste HAZMAT disposal facility;
- Use of a helicopter and fixed winged aircraft to access each main site as well as adjacent sites;
- Transportation of bulk materials, dry goods, and fuel to the sites by ship (seasonal barge);
- Use of permanent camp for staff accommodations;
- Storage and use of aviation fuel, oil, glycol, paint, and batteries;
- Disposal of combustible wastes in adjacent communities; and
- Sewage treated in tertiary sewage treatment plant prior to discharge.

### **3. Inclusion or Exclusion to Scoping List**

The NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB proceeded with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

#### 4. Key Stages of the Screening Process

The following key stages were completed:

Date	Stage
October 26, 2018	Receipt of project proposal and referral from the NPC
October 26, 2018	Information request
October 31, 2018	Proponent responded to information request
November 07, 2018	Scoping pursuant to s. 86(1) of the <i>NuPPAA</i>
November 09, 2018	Public engagement and comment request
November 30, 2018	Receipt of public comments
December 17, 2018	Ministerial Extension Request

#### 5. Public Comments and Concerns

Notice regarding the NIRB's screening of this project proposal was distributed on November 9, 2018 to community organizations in Hall Beach, as well as to relevant federal and territorial government agencies, Inuit organizations and other parties. The NIRB requested that interested parties review the proposal and provide the Board with any comments or concerns by November 30, 2018 regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

On or before November 30, 2018 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties (see Comments and Concerns section below):

- **Government of Nunavut (GN)**
- **Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)**
- **Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association (HTO)**

##### **a. Summary of Public Comments and Concerns Received during the Public comment period of this file**

The following provides a summary of the comments and concerns received by the NIRB:

##### **Government of Nunavut**

- Made recommendations that the Proponent provide the following information:
  - Provide rationale for capacity and footprint of the proposed soil treatment facilities and the expected lifetime of the project;

- Reference the regulatory guidelines documents and confirm adherence to these regulatory documents;
- Define the applicable setbacks and buffer zone inside the perimeter of the facility to be used;
- Confirm hydraulic conductivity of the landfarm base;
- Discuss the proposed liner or provide rationale for not having a liner for the landfarm and prove no significant effects on ground and surface water will occur;
- Estimate the amounts of filtrate, contaminant runoff, and snowmelt from the landfarm;
- Describe the site security, including a fence to prevent wildlife access;
- Provide rationale for the proposed soil acceptance criteria;
- Describe the proposed ground and surface water monitoring for the landfarm;
- Describe the project closure and site remediation in case remediation objectives have not been reached;
- Define “Type B hydrocarbon contaminated soils”;
- Identified that two (2) previously recorded archeological sites occur in the vicinity of FOX-M; and
- Recommended the proponent hire a qualified archaeologist in order to conduct field assessments at all the sites and to mitigate any potential impacts.

**Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)**

- Does not have any comments or concerns at this time.

**Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association (HTO)**

- Does not directly affect them but are in favour of an action plan.

**b. Comments and Concerns with respect to Inuit Qaujimaningit, Traditional, and Community Knowledge**

No concerns or comments were received with respect to Inuit Qaujimaningit or traditional and community knowledge in relation to the proposed project.

**6. Time of Report Extension**

Owing to limited board member availability, the NIRB was not able to provide its screening decision report to the responsible Minister within 45 days as required by Article 12, Section 12.4.5 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 92(3) of the *NuPPAA*. Therefore, on December 17, 2018 the NIRB wrote to the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Northern Affairs and Internal Trade, Government of Canada, seeking an extension to the 45-day timeline for the provision of the Board’s Report.

**ASSESSMENT OF THE PROJECT PROPOSAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 3 OF *NuPPAA***

In determining whether a review of the project is required, the Board considered whether the project proposal had potential to result in significant ecosystemic or socio-economic impacts.

Accordingly, the assessment of impact significance was based on the analysis of those factors that are set out under s. 90 of the *NuPPAA*. The Board took particular care to take into account Inuit

Qaujimaningit, as well as traditional and community knowledge in carrying out its assessment and determination of the significance of impacts.

The following is a summary of the Board’s assessment of the factors that are relevant to the determination of significant impacts with respect of this project proposal:

<b>Factor</b>	<b>Comment</b>
The size of the geographic area, including the size of wildlife habitats, likely to be affected by the impacts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The proposed project is located 3.5 km south of the community of Hall Beach and located within the FOX-M Dew Line site and the previously constructed landfarm facility that was decommissioned in 2007.</li> <li>▪ The proposed activities are not likely to take place within habitats for terrestrial wildlife species such as caribou; however, may take place within habitats of foxes, arctic hare, migratory and non-migratory birds and Species at Risk such as Polar Bear.</li> </ul>
The ecosystemic sensitivity of that area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The proposed project would occur in an area with no particular identified ecosystemic sensitivity.</li> </ul>
The historical, cultural and archaeological significance of that area.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ FOX-M was built in the 1950’s as on the of the Distant Early Warning Line (DEW Line) radar sites.</li> <li>▪ The Government of Nunavut and the Proponent have identified two (2) previously recorded archeological sites occur in the vicinity of FOX-M and the Proponent notes that the recorded locations of both these sites are not near the proposed project.</li> </ul>
The size of the human and the animal populations likely to be affected by the impacts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Inuit hunt, fish, and trap in the region.</li> <li>▪ The proposed project would occur on a previously established site and is unlikely to result in impacts to local human and animal populations.</li> </ul>
The nature, magnitude and complexity of the impacts; the probability of the impacts occurring; the frequency and duration of the impacts; and the reversibility or irreversibility of the impacts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A zone of influence of up to 10 km from the most potentially-disruptive project activities was selected for the NIRB’s assessment.</li> <li>▪ Based on past evidence from projects with a similar scope of activities, the potential adverse impacts are considered to be well-known, with potential for localized impacts to the biophysical environment that are mitigable with due care.</li> <li>▪ With adherence to the relevant regulatory requirements and application of the mitigation</li> </ul>

	measures recommended by the NIRB, no significant residual effects are expected to occur.
The cumulative impacts that could result from the impacts of the project combined with those of any other project that has been carried out, is being carried out or is likely to be carried out.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The mitigation measures recommended by the NIRB have been designed with consideration for the potential for cumulative effects to result from the impacts of the project combined with other past, present and reasonably foreseeable projects.</li> </ul>
Any other factor that the Board considers relevant to the assessment of the significance of impacts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The proposed location for the construction of the landfarm facility is based on the location of the previous land farm facility which was constructed during the DEW Line Clean Up Project. Further, the construction of the landfarm facility would allow the remediation of hydrocarbon impacted soil that would improve the overall environment in the area which is considered positive.</li> </ul>

**Other past, present and reasonably foreseeable projects considered in this assessment:**

<b>NIRB Number</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Project Type</b>
<b><i>Present Projects – approved or in operation</i></b>			
18YN022		Nunavut Water Resource Assessment Igloolik and Hall Beach	Research

**VIEWES OF THE BOARD**

In considering the factors as set out above in the screening of the project proposal, the NIRB has identified a number of issues below and respectfully provide the following views regarding whether or not the proposed project has the potential to result in significant impacts. In addition, the NIRB has proposed terms and conditions that would mitigate the potential adverse impacts identified. The Board would also note that, as justified in its previous decisions for (NIRB File No. 03DN013 dated March 4, 2003<sup>1</sup>), all terms and conditions remain applicable to the project remediation activities, while the additional impacts identified for the new components of the addition of the testing and release of berm water from fuel storage facility and the construction of a landfarm facility for remediation of contaminated soils warrant mitigation measures as justified below.

**Ecosystem, wildlife habitat and Inuit harvesting activities:**

- The potential negative impacts from the proposed project would be restricted to a small geographical area in a previously disturbed area. However, it is noted that the project

<sup>1</sup> [www.nirb.ca/project/123346](http://www.nirb.ca/project/123346) Document ID No.: 247983

activities overall is considered positive as the construction of the landfarm facility would allow remediation of hydrocarbon impacted soil.

- Potential negative impacts to migratory and non-migratory birds and small mammals with limited home range sizes due to ground disturbance, noise, and hazardous waste materials generated from construction activities and facility operations. In order to mitigate the potential impacts, the Board has previously recommended terms and conditions 56 through 60 which continue to apply to the current project proposal and also recommends new terms and conditions 89 through 91. In addition, the Proponent would be required to follow specific Acts and Regulations applicable to the project proposal (see Regulatory Requirements section).
- Potential negative impacts to soil and vegetation due to ground-based activities such as construction, vehicular movement, hazardous waste, and facility operations. The Proponent has committed to cleaning the equipment used in the landfarming operation, undertaking environmental monitoring of the proposed site, and disposal of hazardous waste materials at a waste HAZMAT disposal facility offsite. In order to mitigate the potential impacts the Board has previously recommended terms and conditions: 1 through 52 which continue to apply to the current project proposal and also recommends new terms and conditions 79 through 88. In addition, the Proponent would be required to follow specific Acts and Regulations (see Regulatory Requirements section) relevant to the proposed project.
- Potential negative impacts to water and aquatic biota from contaminated runoff from the proposed landfarm facility or the discharge from the bermed fuel containment facility. The Proponent would require a water licence from the Nunavut Water Board (see Regulatory Requirements section) and has submitted a Spill Contingency Plan. Further, the Proponent committed to ensuring all contact water around the landfarm and within the bermed fuel storage facility would be collected and tested prior to discharge. The Board has previously recommended terms and conditions 1 through 52-55 and 61 through 71 and also recommends new terms and conditions 81 and 86.

**Socio-economic effects on northerners:**

- Potential negative impact to archeological sites in the area from the proposed project activities. The Proponent is required to follow the *Nunavut Act* (as recommended in Regulatory Requirements section) and would be required to contact the Government of Nunavut – Department of Culture and Heritage if any historical sites are encountered. The Board has previously recommended term and condition 75, and also recommends, terms and conditions 92 and 93 to ensure that available Inuit Qaujimaningit can inform project activities and reduce the potential for negative impacts occurring to any additional historical sites.

**Significant public concern:**

- No significant public concern was expressed during the public commenting period for this file. Follow up consultation and involvement of local community members has been recommended by the Board (see terms and conditions 92 and 94).

**Technological innovations for which the effects are unknown:**

- No specific issues have been identified associated with this project proposal.

**Administrative Conditions:**

To encourage compliance with applicable regulatory requirements and assist the Board and responsible authorities with compliance and effects monitoring for project activities, the NIRB recommends the following project-specific terms and conditions: 76 though 78.

In considering the above factors and subject to the Proponent's compliance with the terms and conditions necessary to mitigate against the potential adverse environmental and social effects, the Board is of the view that the proposed project is unlikely to cause significant public concern and its adverse ecosystemic and socioeconomic impacts are unlikely to be significant or are highly predictable and can be adequately mitigated by known technologies.

RECOMMENDED PROJECT-SPECIFIC TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The following terms and conditions were previously issued by the NIRB in the March 3, 2003 Screening Decision Report(s) for File No.03DN013, **and continue to apply to the FOX-M, Hall Beach Water Licence Renewal project.**

**Storage and Management of Hazardous Materials**

1. The Permittee shall not mix or dilute any hazardous materials with any substance or divide into small or quantities to avoid meeting the definition of hazardous waste.
2. The Permittee shall store hazardous material in their original containers, where possible, or in containers manufactured for the purpose of storing hazardous waste. The containers must be sound, sealable and not damaged or leaking.
3. The Permittee shall maintain a record of the type and amount of waste in storage.
4. The Permittee shall label all containers according to the requirements of the Work Site Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) of the Safety Act or the relevant Transportation Authority, if transportation is planned.
5. The Permittee shall ensure that drainage into and from the site is controlled to prevent spills and leaks from leaving the site and to prevent run off from entering the site.
6. The Permittee shall segregate incompatible wastes by chemical compatibility to ensure safety of the public and workers and facility.
7. The Permittee shall ensure the storage facilities are a secured area with controlled access. Only persons authorized to enter and trained in waste handling procedures should have access to the storage site.
8. The Permittee shall perform regular inspections and provide reports to the authorizing agency.
9. The Permittee shall place containers so that each container can be inspected for signs of leaks and deterioration.
10. The Permittee shall remove any leaking and deteriorated containers and transfer their contents to a sound container.

11. The Permittee shall have emergency response equipment appropriate for the hazardous waste stored on site.
12. The Permittee shall ensure that all hazardous wastes are stored in a proper manner and transported from the site in accordance with the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act and Regulations.
13. The Permittee shall ensure that the storage facility is registered if the site is to be used for long term storage (period of 180 days or more), and quantities to be stored exceed the quantities set out for individual waste classes or if the aggregate quantity for all classes of waste exceed 5000 kg/L.

### **Fuel Transport and Storage**

14. The deposition of deleterious substances into water bodies frequented by fish is prohibited under Section 36 of the Fisheries Act unless authorized by regulation. The Permittee shall therefore ensure that any deleterious chemicals, fuel or wastes associated with the proposed project do not enter such waters.
15. The Permittee shall ensure that the transportation of fuel shall be done in compliance with the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act and Regulations requirements.
16. The Permittee 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 unless authorized by the Minister.
17. The Permittee shall ensure that all fuel is kept in double walled containers. All valves on fuel tanks should have receptacles placed beneath them to catch any leaked fuel.
18. The Permittee shall inspect all fuel containers for leaks daily and shall report and repair all leaks immediately.
19. The Permittee shall construct a dyke around each stationary fuel container or group of stationary fuel containers where one container has a capacity exceeding 4000 litres.
20. The volume of the dyked area shall be 10% greater than the capacity of the largest fuel containment placed therein.
21. The dyke and area enclosed by the dyke shall be lined with a type of plastic film liner approved by the Engineer.
22. The Permittee shall ensure that the dyke and area enclosed by the dyke shall be impermeable to petroleum products at all times.
23. The Permittee shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent the possibility of migration of spilled petroleum fuel or chemicals over the ground surface.
24. The Permittee shall have emergency response and spill contingency plans for fuel transfer and storage as well as any other hazardous liquids at the site in place prior to the commencement of the land use activity.
25. The Permittee shall immediately report all spills of petroleum and hazardous chemicals to the twenty-four (24) hour spill report line (867) 975-4295.

26. The Permittee shall ensure that vehicle and equipment maintenance and servicing shall be conducted only in designated areas and shall implement special procedures to manage fluids, waste and contain potential spills.
27. The Permittee should ensure that all ethylene glycol (antifreeze) is managed in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) due to its high potential to attract wildlife.
28. The Permittee 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.
29. The Permittee shall ensure that a land use inspector approves the containment of the contaminated soil.

### **Waste Disposal**

30. The Permittee 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.
31. The Permittee shall ensure that any areas designated for waste disposal shall not be located within thirty (30) metres of the ordinary high water mark of any body of water, unless otherwise authorized.
32. The Permittee shall ensure that all waste management sites are mapped and inventoried.
33. The Permittee shall recover and recycle material wherever practical.
34. The Permittee shall construct, operate, maintain and monitor the containment areas to ensure that there is no seepage of leachate into natural drainage and waterways and subsequently into the marine environment. Any seepage that occurs should be collected and treated as hazardous material.
35. The Permittee shall regrade the landfills to match the contours of the land.
36. The Permittee shall treat and dispose of all lead and PCB contaminated paints as hazardous materials.
37. The Permittee shall keep all garbage in a covered metal container until disposed of in an approved disposal site.
38. The Permittee shall incinerate all combustible and food wastes in a forced air fuel-fired incinerator daily to eliminate potential for wildlife problems created by the attraction of wildlife to garbage.
39. The Permittee shall ensure that all ash and non-combustible non-hazardous wastes are buried in an approved landfill.
40. The Permittee shall deposit all sewage and greywater discharged in a sump ensuring drainage is away from any waterbody.
41. The Permittee shall backfill and recontour all sumps to match the natural environment prior to the expiry date of the permit.

## **Environmental**

42. The Permittee shall ensure that all hazardous material management areas shall be located a minimum distance of one hundred (100) metres from the nearest water body.
43. The Permittee shall implement procedures to screen CEPA soils to avoid / minimize the spreading of contaminated dust.
44. The Permittee shall control all movement of heavy machinery, vehicles and equipment within the hazardous material management area to prevent the dispersion of potentially hazardous dust and materials into the environment.
45. The Permittee shall clean (decontaminate) all heavy machinery and equipment prior to movement to another area. All fluids (including water) resulting from the cleaning shall be treated as hazardous waste and shall be containerized and disposed of as per the regulations.
46. The Permittee shall not move any equipment or vehicles unless the ground surface is in a state capable of fully supporting the equipment or vehicles without rutting or gouging.
47. The Permittee shall suspend operation if rutting occurs.
48. The Permittee shall avoid causing soil damage that disturbs natural drainage patterns or expose permafrost. These areas shall be repaired immediately.
49. The Permittee shall insulate the ground surface beneath all structures and facilities, by constructing gravel pads or other approved methods to prevent any vegetation present from being removed and to prevent the degradation of permafrost causing ground settling and/or erosion.
50. The Permittee shall leave a strip of undisturbed vegetation at least thirty (30) metres width between roads, quarry or navigable waterways.
51. The Permittee shall commence and foster revegetation on all parts of the land used. Methods should include scarification and transplanting of native vegetation from other areas.
52. The Permittee shall remove any obstruction to natural drainage caused by any part of this land use operation.

## **Quarry**

53. The Permittee shall not remove any material from below the ordinary high water mark of any stream.
54. The Permittee shall slope the sides of the excavations and embankments except in solid rock to 2:1 (two horizontal, one vertical).
55. The Permittee may only excavate and stockpile in areas designated.

## **Wildlife**

56. The Permittee shall ensure that there is no damage to wildlife habitat in conducting this land use operation.
57. The Permittee shall use the latest bear detection and deterrent techniques to minimize man-bear interactions. The Permittee is strongly urged to contact DSD wildlife officers regarding safety in polar bear country literature and training.

58. The Permittee shall ensure that pilots maintain an altitude of at least 300 m above ground or water when passing over areas where birds are concentrated. Raptor nesting areas should be avoided at all times.
59. The Permittee shall ensure that land use activities avoid environmentally sensitive areas (denning, nesting areas) by a minimum of 250 metres.
60. The Permittee shall make all efforts to minimize harassment to wildlife including conduction operations in sensitive areas during critical time periods (denning, nesting, staging etc.).

### **Stream Crossings**

61. 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.
62. The Permittee shall limit instream activity. Machinery is not permitted to travel up the streambed and fording of the stream be kept to a minimum.
63. The Permittee shall ensure that stream crossings are located to minimize approach grades.
64. The Permittee shall ensure that bank disturbance is to be avoided.
65. The Permittee shall stabilize approaches during construction and upon completion of the project to control run off, erosion and subsequent siltation of the stream. Methods to control erosion may include revegetation of slopes, drainage ditches and sediment traps.
66. The Permittee shall not deposit or permit the deposit of sediment into any waterbody.
67. The Permittee shall ensure that all equipment is well cleaned and free from contaminated materials, oil and grease.
68. The Permittee shall not conduct mechanized clearing within thirty (30) metres of the normal high water mark of a watercourse in order to maintain a vegetative mat for bank stabilization.
69. The Permittee shall ensure that debris from clearing activities will not be dragged or skidded across water courses, and all slash and debris is to be disposed above the high water mark so that it does not enter the water
70. The Permittee shall control siltation from construction activities with geotextile silt barriers. These barriers should be installed to sufficiently isolate the abutment construction and associated fill activities for the stream flow while allowing free flow of the stream main channel. These barriers must also be removed in a manner that does not result in the release of trapped sediments.
71. The Permittee shall ensure that culverts are removed upon abandonment of roadways.

### **Camp**

72. The Permittee shall not erect camps or store material on the surface ice of lakes or streams.
73. The Permittee shall locate all infrastructure facilities on gravel, or other durable land.
74. The Permittee shall keep the land use area clean and tidy at all times.

## **Archaeological Sites**

75. 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 addition to the previously issued terms and conditions, the Board recommends the following project-specific terms and conditions:**

### **General**

76. Department of National Defence (the Proponent) shall maintain a copy of the Project Terms and Conditions at the site of operation at all times.

77. The Proponent shall operate in accordance with all commitments stated in correspondence provided to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC File No.: 148954 and the NIRB (Online Application Form, October 31, 2018).

78. The Proponent shall operate the site in accordance with all applicable Acts, Regulations and guidelines.

### **Fuel and Chemical Storage**

79. The Proponent shall ensure that all personnel are properly trained in fuel and hazardous waste handling procedures, as well as spill response procedures. All spills of fuel or other deleterious materials of any amount must be reported immediately to the 24 hour Spill Line at (867) 920-8130.

### **Landfarm Operations**

80. The Proponent shall treat only petroleum and hydrocarbon contaminated soils at the landfarm facility. Materials contaminated with other substances such as glycol and heavy metals are not to be stored at the landfarm and must be disposed of at an authorized facility.

81. The Proponent shall ensure that it meets the required standards as set out in the Nunavut Water Board's Water Licence for this project prior to any discharge of water collected in the retention cell(s).

82. The Proponent shall ensure that the equipment used for aeration in the landfarm operation have been cleaned off within the landfarm facilities prior to exiting.

83. The Proponent shall take appropriate dust suppression measures when conducting soil turning and removal.

84. All operations personnel shall be adequately trained prior to commencement of landfarm operations, and shall be made aware of all operational guidelines and Proponent commitments relating to the Project.

### **Landfill Operations**

85. The Proponent shall dispose of non-hazardous materials only at the landfill and shall limit this disposal to those materials listed as acceptable for disposal. Hazardous materials, materials listed as unacceptable for disposal at the landfill, or materials that contain asbestos, fluorescent

tubes or ozone depleting substances are not to be disposed of in the landfill and must be disposed of at an authorized facility.

86. The Proponent shall ensure that it meets the standards and/or limits as set out in the Nunavut Water Board Water Licence and any other permits as required for this project.
87. The Proponent shall take appropriate dust suppression measures when conducting soil topping of landfill materials, or landfill capping activities.
88. All operations personnel shall be adequately trained prior to commencement of landfill operations, and shall be made aware of all operational guidelines and Proponent commitments relating to the Project.

### **Wildlife**

89. The Proponent shall ensure that all project personnel are made aware of the measures to protect wildlife and are provided with training and/or advice on how to implement these measures.

### **Migratory Birds and Raptors Disturbance**

90. The Proponent shall not disturb or destroy the nests or eggs of any birds. If nests are encountered and/or identified, the Proponent shall take precaution to avoid further interaction and or disturbance (e.g., a 100 metres buffer around the nests). If active nests of any birds are discovered (i.e., with eggs or young), the Proponent shall avoid these areas until nesting is complete and the young have left the nest.
91. The Proponent shall minimize activities during periods when birds are particularly sensitive to disturbance such as migration, nesting and moulting.

### **Other**

92. The Proponent should engage with local residents regarding planned activities in the area and should solicit available Inuit Qaujimaningit and information regarding current recreational and traditional usage of the project area which may inform project activities. Posting of translated public notices and direct engagement with potentially interested groups and individuals prior to undertaking project activities is strongly encouraged.
93. The Proponent shall ensure that project activities do not interfere with Inuit wildlife harvesting or traditional land use activities.
94. The Proponent should, to the extent possible, hire local people and access local services where possible.

## **MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

*The Board has previously recommended the following on March 4, 2003.*

### **Monitoring**

76. The Permittee shall maintain all site signs and notices at the PCB storage facility.

*In addition to the project-specific terms and conditions, the Board has previously recommended the following on March 4, 2003:*

**Recommendations**

1. NIRB would like to encourage the proponent to hire local people and services, to the extent possible
2. NIRB advises all proponents that they should consult with the local residents regarding their activities in the region.
3. Any amendment requests deemed by NIRB to be outside the original scope of the project will be considered a new project.
4. The Permittee shall notify NIRB, DFO, DOE and the NWB of any changes or plans in operating conditions associated with this land use activity.
5. The Permittee shall advise NIRB of the final destination of the contaminated soil in the year 2003, and ensure all the proper permits for transportation of the soil are obtained prior to removal.

*The Board is currently also recommending the following:*

**Change in Project Scope**

1. (Updated) Responsible authorities or Proponent shall notify the Nunavut Planning Commission as appropriate, and the NIRB of any changes in operating plans or conditions, including phase advancement, associated with this project prior to any such change.

**Copy of licences, etc. to the Board and Commission**

2. As per s. 137(4) of the *NuPPAA*, responsible authorities are required to submit a copy of each licence, permit or other authorization issued for the Project to the Nunavut Planning Commission and the NIRB. Please forward a copy of the licences, permits and/or other authorizations to the NIRB directly at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or upload a copy to the NIRB's online registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca).

**Bear and Carnivore Safety**

3. The Proponent should review the Government of Nunavut's booklet on Bear Safety, which can be downloaded from this link: [http://gov.nu.ca/sites/default/files/bear\\_safety\\_-\\_reducing\\_bear-people\\_conflicts\\_in\\_nunavut.pdf](http://gov.nu.ca/sites/default/files/bear_safety_-_reducing_bear-people_conflicts_in_nunavut.pdf). Further information on bear/carnivore detection and deterrent techniques can be found in the "Safety in Grizzly and Black Bear Country" pamphlet, which can be downloaded from this link: [http://www.enr.gov.nt.ca/sites/default/files/web\\_pdf\\_wd\\_bear\\_safety\\_brochure\\_1\\_may\\_2015.pdf](http://www.enr.gov.nt.ca/sites/default/files/web_pdf_wd_bear_safety_brochure_1_may_2015.pdf).
4. There are Polar Bear and grizzly bear safety resources available from the Bear Smart Society with videos on Polar Bear safety available in English, French and Inuktitut at <http://www.bearsmart.com/play/safety-in-polar-bear-country/>. Information can also be obtained from Parks Canada's website on bear safety at the following link:

<http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/nu/quttinirpaaq/visit/visit6/d.aspx> or in reviewing the “*Safety in Polar Bear Country*” pamphlet, which can be downloaded from the following link: [http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/nu/quttinirpaaq/visit/visit6/~/\\_media/pn-np/nu/auyuittuq/pdf/shared/PolarBearSafety\\_English.ashx](http://www.pc.gc.ca/eng/pn-np/nu/quttinirpaaq/visit/visit6/~/_media/pn-np/nu/auyuittuq/pdf/shared/PolarBearSafety_English.ashx).

5. Any problem wildlife or any interaction with carnivores should be reported immediately to the local Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment Conservation Office (Conservation Officer of Hall Beach, phone: 867-928-8507).
6. The Proponent review Environment and Climate Change Canada’s “Environment Assessment Best Practice Guide for Wildlife at Risk in Canada”, available at the following link: [http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/virtual\\_sara/files/policies/EA%20Best%20Practices%202004.pdf](http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca/virtual_sara/files/policies/EA%20Best%20Practices%202004.pdf). The guide provides information to the Proponent on what is required when Wildlife at Risk, including *Species at Risk*, are encountered or affected by the project.

### **Migratory Birds**

7. The Proponent review Canadian Wildlife Services’ “Key migratory bird terrestrial habitat sites in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut”, available at the following link: <http://publications.gc.ca/site/eng/317630/publication.html> and “Key marine habitat sites for migratory birds in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories”, available at the following link: <http://publications.gc.ca/site/eng/392824/publication.html>. The guide provides information to the Proponent on key terrestrial and marine habitat areas that are essential to the welfare of various migratory bird species in Canada.
8. For further information on how to protect migratory birds, their nests and eggs when planning or carrying out project activities, consult Environment and Climate Change Canada’s Incidental Take web page and the fact sheet “Planning Ahead to Reduce the Risk of Detrimental Effects to Migratory Birds, and their Nests and Eggs” available at <http://www.ec.gc.ca/paom-itmb/>.

### **Transport of Dangerous Goods and Waste Management**

9. Environment and Climate Change Canada recommends that all hazardous wastes, including waste oil, receive proper treatment and disposal at an approved facility.
10. The Proponent shall ensure that proper shipping documents (waste manifests, transportation of dangerous goods, etc.) accompany all movements of dangerous goods. Further, the Proponent shall ensure that the shipment of all dangerous goods is registered with the Government of Nunavut Department of Environment, Department of Environment Manager. Contact the Manager (867) 975-7748 to obtain a manifest if dangerous goods including hazardous wastes will be transported.

## REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

The Proponent is also advised that the following legislation may apply to the project:

### **Acts and Regulations**

1. The *Fisheries Act* (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/F-14/index.html>).

2. The *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/n-28.8/>).
3. The *Migratory Birds Convention Act* and *Migratory Birds Regulations* (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/M-7.01/>).
4. The *Species at Risk Act* (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/S-15.3/index.html>). Attached in **Appendix B** is a list of Species at Risk in Nunavut.
5. The *Wildlife Act (Nunavut)* and its corresponding regulations (<http://www.canlii.org/en/nu/laws/stat/snu-2003-c-26/latest/snu-2003-c-26.html>).
6. The *Nunavut Act* (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/N-28.6/>). The Proponent must comply with the proposed terms and conditions listed in the attached **Appendix C**.
7. The *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations* (<http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/tdg/clear-tofc-211.htm>), *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act* (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/t-19.01/>), and the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* (<http://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-15.31/>).

### **Other Applicable Guidelines**

8. The *Federal Guidelines for Landfarming Petroleum Hydrocarbon Contaminated Soils* (Science Applications International Corporation Canada, March 2006) provide information as it relates to the future operations of the landfarming activities.
9. Solid Waste Management for Northern and Remote Communities (Environment and Climate Change Canada, 2017) guidance document for best practices of hazardous waste management. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/managing-reducing-waste/municipal-solid/environment/northern-remote-communities.html>.
10. Environmental Guideline for the Management of Contaminated Sites, Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut, Revised December 2014 ([https://www.gov.nu.ca/sites/default/files/contaminated\\_sites\\_remediation\\_2014.pdf](https://www.gov.nu.ca/sites/default/files/contaminated_sites_remediation_2014.pdf)).
11. Environmental Guideline for Contaminated Site Remediation, Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut; Revised March 2009 (<https://www.gov.nu.ca/sites/default/files/Guideline%20Contaminated%20Site%20Remediation.pdf>).
12. Environmental Guideline for the General Management of Hazardous Waste, Government of Nunavut, Revised October 2010 ([https://www.gov.nu.ca/sites/default/files/Guideline%20-%20General%20Management%20of%20Hazardous%20Waste%20-%28revised%20Oct%202010%29\\_0.pdf](https://www.gov.nu.ca/sites/default/files/Guideline%20-%20General%20Management%20of%20Hazardous%20Waste%20-%28revised%20Oct%202010%29_0.pdf)).

## CONCLUSION

The foregoing constitutes the Board's screening decision with respect to the Department of National Defence's "FOX-M, Hall Beach Water Licence Renewal". The NIRB remains available for consultation with the Minister regarding this report as necessary.

Dated December 21, 2018 at Whale Cove, NU.



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Elizabeth Copland, Chairperson

Attachments: Appendix A: Previously-Screened Project Proposals  
Appendix B: Species at Risk in Nunavut  
Appendix C: Archaeological and Palaeontological Resources Terms and Conditions for Land Use  
Permit Holders

## APPENDIX A: PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSALS

*Please note that the files for original project proposals received by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) were incomplete. The file history and scope of previously assessed activities were reconstructed from multiple sources including the NIRB files, Nunavut Water Board files and from the Proponent.*

The original project proposal, “DEW Line Site Clean-up, Fox Main, Hall Beach, Nunavut” (NIRB File No.: 03DN013), was received by the NIRB from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). The project proposal was screened by the Board in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)*. On March 4, 2003 the NIRB issued a *Nunavut Agreement* 12.4.4 (a) screening decision to the then Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada which indicated that the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB’s recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

The Defence Construction Canada’s original “DEW Line Site Clean-up, Fox Main, Hall Beach, Nunavut” project was located in the Qikiqtani (South Baffin) region, approximately 3.5 kilometres (km) from Hall Beach. The Proponent indicated that it intended to conduct a clean up of the Fox-M, Hall Beach DEW Line Site.

According to the previously screened project proposal, the scope of the project included the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Demolition and removal of facilities (e.g., buildings) not required for the operation of the North Warning System (NWS);
- Excavation and disposal of contaminated soils in engineered landfill facilities;
- Removal of hazardous materials to an off-site licenced treatment facility;
- Remediation of existing landfills;
- Removal of surface debris; and
- Establishment and removal of contractor’s camp and equipment.

Additional authorization, extension and amendment requests associated with the “DEW Line Site Clean-up, Fox Main, Hall Beach, Nunavut” project have also been reviewed by the NIRB following screening of the original project proposal (NIRB File No. 03DN013). In each instance where the NIRB received applications up to and including June 13, 2007, the NIRB confirmed that the applications were exempt from the requirement for further screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and that the activities therein remained subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the original March 4, 2003 Screening Decision Report.

## APPENDIX B: SPECIES AT RISK IN NUNAVUT

Due to the requirements of Section 79(2) of the Species At Risk Act (SARA), and the potential for project-specific adverse effects on listed wildlife species and its critical habitat, measures should be taken as appropriate to avoid or lessen those effects, and the effects need to be monitored. Project effects could include species disturbance, attraction to operations and destruction of habitat. This section applies to all species listed on Schedule 1 of SARA, as listed in the table below, or have been assessed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC), which may be encountered in the project area. This list may not include all species identified as at risk by the Territorial Government. The following points provide clarification on the applicability of the species outlined in the table.

- Schedule 1 is the official legal list of Species at Risk for SARA. SARA applies to all species on Schedule 1. The term “listed” species refers to species on Schedule 1.
- Schedule 2 and 3 of SARA identify species that were designated at risk by the COSEWIC prior to October 1999 and must be reassessed using revised criteria before they can be considered for addition to Schedule 1.
- Some species identified at risk by COSEWIC are “pending” addition to Schedule 1 of SARA. These species are under consideration for addition to Schedule 1, subject to further consultation or assessment.

If species at risk are encountered or affected, the primary mitigation measure should be avoidance. The Proponent should avoid contact with or disturbance to each species, its habitat and/or its residence. All direct, indirect, and cumulative effects should be considered. Refer to species status reports and other information on the species at risk Registry at <http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca> for information on specific species.

Monitoring should be undertaken by the Proponent to determine the effectiveness of mitigation and/or identify where further mitigation is required. As a minimum, this monitoring should include recording the locations and dates of any observations of species at risk, behaviour or actions taken by the animals when project activities were encountered, and any actions taken by the proponent to avoid contact or disturbance to the species, its habitat, and/or its residence. This information should be submitted to the appropriate regulators and organizations with management responsibility for that species, as requested.

For species primarily managed by the Territorial Government, the Territorial Government should be consulted to identify other appropriate mitigation and/or monitoring measures to minimize effects to these species from the project.

Mitigation and monitoring measures must be undertaken in a way that is consistent with applicable recovery strategies and action/management plans.

Schedules of SARA are amended on a regular basis so it is important to check the SARA registry ([www.sararegistry.gc.ca](http://www.sararegistry.gc.ca)) to get the current status of a species.

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<b>Terrestrial Species at Risk<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>COSEWIC Designation</b>	<b>Schedule of SARA</b>	<b>Government Organization with Primary Management Responsibility<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Migratory Birds</b>			
Buff-breasted Sandpiper	Special Concern	Schedule 1	Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
Common Nighthawk	Threatened	Schedule 1	ECCC
Eskimo Curlew	Endangered	Schedule 1	ECCC
Harlequin Duck	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Harris's Sparrow	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Horned Grebe	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Ivory Gull	Endangered	Schedule 1	ECCC
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Red Knot Islandica Subspecies	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Red Knot Rufa Subspecies	Endangered	Schedule 1	ECCC
Red-necked Phalarope	Special Concern	No Schedule	ECCC
Ross's Gull	Threatened	Schedule 1	ECCC
Rusty Blackbird	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
Short-eared Owl	Special Concern	Schedule 1	ECCC
<b>Vegetation</b>			
Porsild's Bryum	Threatened	Schedule 1	Government of Nunavut (GN)
<b>Arthropods</b>			
Transverse Lady Beetle	Special Concern	No Schedule	GN
<b>Terrestrial Wildlife</b>			
Caribou (Dolphin and Union Population)	Endangered	Schedule 1	GN
Caribou (Barren-ground Population)	Threatened	No Schedule	GN
Caribou (Torngat Mountains Population)	Endangered	No Schedule	GN
Grizzly Bear (Western Population)	Special Concern	Schedule 1	GN
Peary Caribou	Threatened	Schedule 1	GN
Polar Bear	Special Concern	Schedule 1	GN
Wolverine	Special Concern	Schedule 1	GN
<b>Marine Wildlife</b>			
Atlantic Walrus (High Arctic Population)	Special Concern	No Schedule	Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
Atlantic Walrus (Central/Low Arctic Population)	Special Concern	No Schedule	DFO
Beluga Whale (Cumberland Sound Population)	Threatened	Schedule 1	DFO
Beluga Whale (Eastern Hudson Bay Population)	Endangered	No Schedule	DFO
Beluga Whale (Eastern High Arctic-Baffin Bay Population)	Special Concern	No Schedule	DFO
Beluga Whale (Western Hudson Bay Population)	Special Concern	No Schedule	DFO
<b>Fish</b>			
Atlantic Cod (Arctic Lakes Population)	Special Concern	No Schedule	DFO
Fourhorn Sculpin (Freshwater Form)	Data Deficient	Schedule 3	DFO
Lumpfish	Threatened	No Schedule	DFO
Thorny Skate	Special Concern	No Schedule	DFO

<sup>1</sup> The Department of Fisheries and Oceans has responsibility for aquatic species.

<sup>2</sup> Environment Canada (EC) has a national role to play in the conservation and recovery of Species at Risk in Canada, as well as responsibility for management of birds described in the Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA). Day-to-day management of terrestrial species not covered in the MBCA is the responsibility of the Territorial Government. Populations that exist in National Parks are also managed under the authority of the Parks Canada Agency.

APPENDIX C: ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND PALAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES TERMS AND  
CONDITIONS FOR LAND USE PERMIT HOLDERS



INTRODUCTION

The Department of Culture and Heritage (CH) routinely reviews land use applications sent to the Nunavut Water Board, Nunavut Impact Review Board and the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada. These terms and conditions provide general direction to the permittee/proponent regarding the appropriate actions to be taken to ensure the permittee/proponent carries out its role in the protection of Nunavut’s archaeological and palaeontological resources.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- 1) The permittee/proponent shall have a professional archaeologist and/or palaeontologist perform the following **Functions** associated with the **Types of Development** listed below or similar development activities:

	<b>Types of Development</b> (See Guidelines below)	<b>Function</b> (See Guidelines below)
a)	Large scale prospecting	Archaeological/Palaeontological Overview Assessment
b)	Diamond drilling for exploration or geotechnical purpose or planning of linear disturbances	Archaeological/ Palaeontological Inventory
c)	Construction of linear disturbances, Extractive disturbances, Impounding disturbances and other land disturbance activities	Archaeological/ Palaeontological Inventory or Assessment or Mitigation

Note that the above-mentioned functions require either a Nunavut Archaeologist Permit or a Nunavut Palaeontologist Permit. CH is authorized by way of the *Nunavut and Archaeological and Palaeontological Site Regulations*<sup>2</sup> to issue such permits.

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<sup>2</sup> P.C. 2001-1111 14 June, 2001

- 2) The permittee/proponent shall not operate any vehicle over a known or suspected archaeological or palaeontological site.
- 3) The permittee/proponent shall not remove, disturb, or displace any archaeological artifact or site, or any fossil or palaeontological site.
- 4) The permittee/proponent shall immediately contact CH at (867) 934-2046 or (867) 975-5500 should an archaeological site or specimen, or a palaeontological site or fossil, be encountered or disturbed by any land use activity.
- 5) The permittee/proponent shall immediately cease any activity that disturbs an archaeological or palaeontological site encountered during the course of a land use operation until permitted to proceed with the authorization of CH.
- 6) The permittee/proponent shall follow the direction of CH in restoring disturbed archaeological or palaeontological sites to an acceptable condition. If these conditions are attached to either a Class A or B Permit under the Territorial Lands Act Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada directions will also be followed.
- 7) The permittee/proponent shall provide all information requested by CH concerning all archaeological sites or artifacts and all palaeontological sites and fossils encountered in the course of any land use activity.
- 8) The permittee/proponent shall make best efforts to ensure that all persons working under its authority are aware of these conditions concerning archaeological sites and artifacts and palaeontological sites and fossils.
- 9) If a list of recorded archaeological and/or palaeontological sites is provided to the permittee/proponent by CH as part of the review of the land use application the permittee/proponent shall avoid the archaeological and/or palaeontological sites listed.
- 10) Should a list of recorded sites be provided to the permittee/proponent, the information is provided solely for the purpose of the proponent's land use activities as described in the land use application, and must otherwise be treated confidentially by the proponent.

### **Legal Framework**

As stated in Article 33 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)*:

*Where an application is made for a land use permit in the Nunavut Settlement Area, and there are reasonable grounds to believe that there could be sites of archaeological importance on the lands affected, no land use permit shall be issued without written consent of the Designated Agency. Such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. [33.5.12]*

*Each land use permit referred to in Section 33.5.12 shall specify the plans and methods of archeological site protection and restoration to be followed by the permit holder, and any other conditions the Designated Agency may deem fit. [33.5.13]*

## Palaeontology and Archaeology

Under the *Nunavut Act*<sup>3</sup>, the federal government can make regulations for the protection, care and preservation of palaeontological and archaeological sites and specimens in Nunavut. Under the *Nunavut Archaeological and Palaeontological Sites Regulations*<sup>4</sup>, it is illegal to alter or disturb any palaeontological or archaeological site in Nunavut unless permission is first granted through the permitting process.

### Definitions

As defined in the *Nunavut Archaeological and Palaeontological Sites Regulations*, the following definitions apply:

*“archaeological site” means a place where an archaeological artifact is found.*

*“archaeological artifact” means any tangible evidence of human activity that is more than 50 years old and in respect of which an unbroken chain of possession or regular pattern of usage cannot be demonstrated, and includes a Denesuline archaeological specimen referred to in section 40.4.9 of the Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement).*

*“palaeontological site” means a site where a fossil is found.*

*“fossil” includes:*

*Fossil means the hardened or preserved remains or impression of previously living organisms or vegetation and includes:*

- (a) natural casts;*
- (b) preserved tracks, coprolites and plant remains; and*
- (c) the preserved shells and exoskeletons of invertebrates and the preserved eggs, teeth and bones of vertebrates.*

### *Guidelines for Developers for the Protection of Archaeological Resources in the Nunavut Territory*

(Note: Partial document only, complete document at: [www.ch.gov.nu.ca/en/Archaeology.aspx](http://www.ch.gov.nu.ca/en/Archaeology.aspx))

### Introduction

The following guidelines have been formulated to ensure that the impacts of proposed developments upon heritage resources are assessed and mitigated before ground surface altering activities occur. Heritage resources are defined as, but not limited to, archaeological and historical sites, burial grounds, palaeontological sites, historic buildings and cairns. Effective collaboration between the developer, the Department of Culture, and Heritage (CH), and the contract archaeologist(s) will ensure proper preservation of heritage resources in the Nunavut Territory. The roles of each are briefly described.

CH is the Nunavut Government agency which oversees the protection and management of heritage resources in Nunavut, in partnership with land claim authorities, regulatory agencies, and

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<sup>3</sup> s. 51(1)

<sup>4</sup> P.C. 2001-1111 14 June, 2001

the federal government. Its role in mitigating impacts of developments on heritage resources is as follows: to identify the need for an impact assessment and make recommendations to the appropriate regulatory agency; set the terms of reference for the study depending upon the scope of the development; suggest the names of qualified individuals prepared to undertake the study to the developer; issue an archaeologist or palaeontologist permit authorizing field work; assess the completeness of the study and its recommendations; and ensure that the developer complies with the recommendations.

The primary regulatory agencies that CH provides information and assistance to are the Nunavut Impact Review Board, for development activities proposed for Inuit Owned Lands (as defined in Section 1.1.1 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)*), and the Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, for development activities proposed for federal Crown Lands.

A developer is the initiator of a land use activity. It is the obligation of the developer to ensure that a qualified archaeologist or palaeontologist is hired to perform the required study and that provisions of the contract with the archaeologist or palaeontologist allow permit requirements to be met; i.e. fieldwork, collections management, artifact and specimen conservation, and report preparation. On the recommendation of the contract archaeologist or palaeontologist in the field and the Government of Nunavut, the developer shall implement avoidance or mitigative measures to protect heritage resources or to salvage the information they contain through excavation, analysis, and report writing. The developer assumes all costs associated with the study in its entirety.

Through his or her active participation and supervision of the study, the contract archaeologist or palaeontologist is accountable for the quality of work undertaken and the quality of the report produced. Facilities to conduct fieldwork, analysis, and report preparation should be available to this individual through institutional, agency, or company affiliations. Responsibility for the curation of objects recovered during field work while under study and for documents generated in the course of the study as well as remittance of artifacts, specimens and documents to the repository specified on the permit accrue to the contract archaeologist or palaeontologist. This individual is also bound by the legal requirements of the *Nunavut Archaeological and Palaeontological Sites Regulations*.

### **Types of Development**

In general, those developments that cause concern for the safety of heritage resources will include one or more of the following kinds of surface disturbances. These categories, in combination, are comprehensive of the major kinds of developments commonly proposed in Nunavut. For any single development proposal, several kinds of these disturbances may be involved

- *Linear disturbances: including the construction of highways, roads, winter roads, transmission lines, and pipelines;*
- *Extractive disturbances: including mining, gravel removal, quarrying, and land filling;*
- *Impoundment disturbances: including dams, reservoirs, and tailings ponds;*

- *Intensive land use disturbances: including industrial, residential, commercial, recreational, and land reclamation work, and use of heritage resources as tourist developments.*
- *Mineral, oil and gas exploration: establishment of camps, temporary airstrips, access routes, well sites, or quarries all have potential for impacting heritage resources.*

### **Types of Studies Undertaken to Preserve Heritage Resources**

**Overview:** An overview study of heritage resources should be conducted at the same time as the development project is being designed or its feasibility addressed. They usually lack specificity with regard to the exact location(s) and form(s) of impact and involve limited, if any, field surveys. Their main aim is to accumulate, evaluate, and synthesize the existing knowledge of the heritage of the known area of impact. The overview study provides managers with baseline data from which recommendations for future research and forecasts of potential impacts can be made. A Class I Permit is required for this type of study if field surveys are undertaken.

**Reconnaissance:** This is done to provide a judgmental appraisal of a region sufficient to provide the developer, the consultant, and government managers with recommendations for further development planning. This study may be implemented as a preliminary step to inventory and assessment investigations except in cases where a reconnaissance may indicate a very low or negligible heritage resource potential. Alternately, in the case of small-scale or linear developments, an inventory study may be recommended and obviate the need for a reconnaissance.

The main goal of a reconnaissance study is to provide baseline data for the verification of the presence of potential heritage resources, the determination of impacts to these resources, the generation of terms of reference for further studies and, if required, the advancement of preliminary mitigative and compensatory plans. The results of reconnaissance studies are primarily useful for the selection of alternatives and secondarily as a means of identifying impacts that must be mitigated after the final siting and design of the development project. Depending on the scope of the study, a Class 1 or Class 2 Permit is required for this type of investigation.

**Inventory:** A resource inventory is generally conducted at that stage in a project's development at which the geographical area(s) likely to sustain direct, indirect, and perceived impacts can be well defined. This requires systematic and intensive fieldwork to ascertain the effects of all possible and alternate construction components on heritage resources. All heritage sites must be recorded on Government of Nunavut Site Survey forms. Sufficient information must be amassed from field, library and archival components of the study to generate a predictive model of the heritage resource base that will:

- allow the identification of research and conservation opportunities;
- enable the developer to make planning decisions and recognize their likely effects on the known or predicted resources; and
- make the developer aware of the expenditures, which may be required for subsequent studies and mitigation. A Class 1 or 2 permit is required.

**Assessment:** At this stage, sufficient information concerning the numbers and locations of heritage resources will be available, as well as data to predict the forms and magnitude of impacts. Assessments provide information on the size, volume, complexity and content of a heritage resource, which is used to rank the values of different sites or site types given current archaeological knowledge. As this information will shape subsequent mitigation program(s), great care is necessary during this phase.

**Mitigation:** This refers to the amelioration of adverse impacts to heritage resources and involves the avoidance of impact through the redesign or relocation of a development or its components; the protection of the resource by constructing physical facilities; or, the scientific investigation and recovery of information from the resource by excavation or other method. The type(s) of appropriate mitigative measures are dictated by their viability in the context of the development project. Mitigation strategies must be developed in consultation with, and approved by, the Department of Culture and Heritage. It is important to note that mitigation activities should be initiated as far in advance of the construction of the development as possible.

**Surveillance and monitoring:** These may be required as part of the mitigation program.

*Surveillance* may be conducted during the construction phase of a project to ensure that the developer has complied with the recommendations.

*Monitoring* involves identification and inspection of residual and long-term impacts of a development (i.e. shoreline stability of a reservoir); or the use of impacts to disclose the presence of heritage resources, for example, the uncovering of buried sites during the construction of a pipeline.