



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 19YN039

Project Name: The “**Microplastics in beach sediment: Collecting baseline data for microplastic contamination around Iqaluit and developing tools for effective community-based monitoring**” project

Proponent Name: Carleton University

Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani (South Baffin) Region

Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125478

Comment Deadline: **September 19, 2019**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Microplastics in beach sediment: Collecting baseline data for microplastic contamination around Iqaluit and developing tools for effective community-based monitoring” project is located within the Qikiqtani (South Baffin) region, within the City of Iqaluit. The Proponent intends collect and analyze beach sediment samples for microplastic contamination and develop tools for effective community-based monitoring. The program is proposed to take place in September 2019. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Beach surveys to be conducted on foot for plastic debris, with five (5) sites selected for sampling;
- Collection and analyses of beach sediment at each site;
- Work with Environmental Technology Students as part of a workshop on plastics; and
- Use of local facilities and accommodations.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **19YN039** to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via www.nirb.ca. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Mia Otokiak, Junior Technical Advisor at (867) 983-4622 or motokiak@nirb.ca or Kelli Gillard, Manager, Project Monitoring at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.