



**NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT
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To: Mosha Cote
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Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for Carleton University's "Microplastics in beach sediment: Collecting baseline data for microplastic contamination around Iqaluit, Nunavut, and developing tools for effective community-based monitoring" Project Proposal, Qikiqtani (South Baffin) Region, NIRB File No.: 19YN039

Dear Mosha Cote:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Patterk Netser, Minister of Nunavut Arctic College for Carleton University's "Microplastics in beach sediment: Collecting baseline data for microplastic contamination around Iqaluit, Nunavut, and developing tools for effective community-based monitoring" in the Qikiqtani (South Baffin) Region, dated October 8, 2019.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment, the Board has indicated to the responsible Minister that a review of the project is not required in accordance with paragraph 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). Accordingly, the NIRB awaits a response from the Minister.

In the absence of a response from the Minister, regulatory authorities should take note of paragraph 75(1)(e) of the *NuPPAA*, which provides: “A regulatory authority is not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorization in respect of a project if the responsible Minister has decided either that the project could be modified and an amended project submitted to the Commission or that it is not to proceed.” Contravention of s. 75(1) of *the NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

Please contact Chanese Nakoyak, NIRB Environmental Administrator at (867) 983-4605 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Nakoyak', is centered on the page.

Chanese Nakoyak
Environmental Administrator

Enclosure (1): NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 19YN039 (October 8, 2019)

cc: Madelaine Bourdages, Carleton University and affiliates
Tracey McCaie, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada