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Sent via email: lars.brinkmann@cnl.ca

**Re: Termination of Assessment Activities for Canadian Nuclear Laboratories’
“Predicting Environmental Health Risk from Radioactivity in the Canadian Arctic”
Project Proposal, Pursuant to NuPPAA Subsection 144(3)**

Dear Dr. Lars Brinkmann:

On June 26, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Canadian Nuclear Laboratories’ “Predicting Environmental Health Risk from Radioactivity in the Canadian Arctic” project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 16YN047 and commenced screening the project proposal pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). Through the initial screening activities undertaken by the NIRB for this proposal, additional information was requested to address identified deficiencies as was detailed through Information Requests #1 and # 2 (enclosed for reference); as outlined in the Board’s previous correspondence. On October 3, 2016 the NIRB determined that it was unable to complete the screening for the “Predicting Environmental Health Risk from Radioactivity in the Canadian Arctic” project proposal and suspended its assessment activities for this screening pursuant to s. 144(2) of the *NuPPAA* (see enclosure).

The information required to conduct the screening assessment has not been provided within three (3) years of the request for additional information having been made by the NIRB; therefore the assessment of the “Predicting Environmental Health Risk from Radioactivity in the Canadian Arctic” project proposal is hereby **terminated** pursuant to s. 144(3) of the *NuPPAA* (see [Appendix A](#) for file history).

Should the Proponent wish to undertake the proposed project in future, a new project proposal must be submitted to the Nunavut Planning Commission in accordance with s. 76 of the *NuPPAA*.

Please be advised that the *NuPPAA* prohibits the carrying out of a project, in whole or in part, where the required assessment by the NIRB has not been completed; regulatory authorities are also not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorizations in respect of a project where the required assessment by the NIRB has not been completed.

Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding the termination of this assessment, please contact Tara Arko – Director, Technical Services at (867) 983-4611 or tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Ryan Barry
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure (1): Suspension Letter (October 3, 2016)

Attachment: Appendix A: File History

cc: P.J. Akeeagok, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
The Honourable Patterk Netser, Minister Responsible for Nunavut Arctic College
The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Canadian Coast Guard
The Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan, P.C., Minister of National Defence
Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission
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Mosha Cote, Nunavut Research Institute
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Rob Chambers, Department of National Defense

APPENDIX A: FILE HISTORY

DATE	CORRESPONDENCE
June 28, 2016	NIRB e-mail to Proponent requesting Proponent complete online application.
July 5, 2016	Information Request Letter #1 requesting information be submitted by July 19, 2016.
July 18, 2016	Follow-up email from the NIRB to the Proponent requesting an update on when online application will be completed.
July 19, 2016	Proponent responded to information request letter indicating that information as they required more time to produce the requested information, particularly translations.
August 16, 2016	Follow-up email from the NIRB to the Proponent requesting an update on the on expected date of submission by August 23, 2019.
August 23, 2016	Request from Proponent to suspend application and seeking clarification of completing application forms and maps.
October 3, 2016	Suspension of Assessment Activities under 143(2) of NuPPAA
February 22, 2017	NIRB e-mail Proponent requesting and update to confirm whether the company expects to re-engage the assessment process.
July 15, 2019	NIRB e-mail Proponent requesting an update to confirm whether the company expects to re-engage the assessment process.
November 7, 2019	NIRB e-mail Proponent requesting update to confirm they will not be re-engaging the NIRB with an expected response required by November 14, 2019