



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 19DN049

Project Name: The “OP NANOOK-NUNALIVUT 2020” project
Proponent Name: Department of National Defence (DND)
Project Type: Defence Region: Kivalliq & Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Regions
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 149253
Comment Deadline: **March 18, 2020**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “OP NANOOK-NUNALIVUT 2020” project is located within the Kivalliq and Qikiqtani (North Baffin) regions, within the vicinity of the communities of Resolute Bay, Grise Fiord and Rankin Inlet. The Proponent intends to conduct military exercises and patrols on land, sea ice and air based out of Resolute Bay and Rankin Inlet. The dive team operations will focus on ice breaching capabilities and the exercise in Rankin Inlet will involve the use of explosives to understand the options for breaking through ice for a diver access to the sea. The program is proposed to take place from February 2020 to March 2020. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Combustible and non-combustible wastes to be collected and disposed of at the nearest community for proper disposal;
- Waste generated during foot patrols to be bagged and packed out for appropriate disposal or incineration of combustible waste
- Conduct military exercises and patrols on land, sea ice and in the air at sites located in and around the communities of Resolute Bay, Grise Fiord and Rankin Inlet
- Establishment and decommissioning of temporary camps to support operations, including: dive operations, and patrol safety

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **19DN049** 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 Jaida Ohokannoak, Technical Advisor II via email at johokannoak@nirb.ca.