



# NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 20YN018

Project Name: The “Access to Safe Drinking Water in a Changing Arctic” Project  
Proponent Name: Institute National de la Recherche Scientifique (INRS)  
Project Type: Research Region: Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Regions  
Public Registry: [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) Application No.: 125539  
Comment Deadline: **July 13, 2020**

## PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Access to Safe Drinking Water in a Changing Arctic” project is located within the Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani (North Baffin) regions, within the municipal boundaries of Cambridge Bay, Resolute Bay, and Pond Inlet. The Proponent intends to conduct sampling and analysis of community drinking water for risks caused by permafrost thawing using a community-based participatory water quality sampling program. The program is proposed to take place from September 2020 to March 2023. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Collecting water samples from community water sources, water treatment plants, holding tanks (such as delivery tanks) and taps (public and houses)
- Identifying and testing other water sources based on community interest
- Evaluating water quality with field tests and laboratory analysis
- Work with communities to conduct a community-based participatory water quality sampling program

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **20YN018** 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](http://www.nirb.ca).** Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto: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 Keith Morrison, Technical Advisor II toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or [kmorrison@nirb.ca](mailto:kmorrison@nirb.ca).