



In addition, NTI is aware that there are a number of community members that are dissatisfied with AEM's consultation process regarding the project proposal.

Given that the final project scope was finalized only on September 22nd, NTI recommends that AEM participate in the upcoming NIRB community information sessions to present and to answer questions from community members regarding the finalized project scope.

Alternatively, AEM should be conducting additional community consultations on the finalized project scope.

NTI also notes that participant funding will play an important part in ensuring meaningful participation by Inuit in this review process. Participant funding applications to the Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's Northern Participant Funding Program were due on September 11th, and it remains unclear when these funds will be made available to successful applicants. NIRB's timelines should be adjusted to allow adequate time for successful applicants to receive funds and prepare fully for next steps in the review process.

Lastly, NTI recommends that NIRB coordinate its review process with the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) according to the NIRB/NWB Coordinated Process Framework as this review process is related to the NWB's review of discharges into Meliadine Lake. Coordination will allow for a better understanding of the full scope of proposed AEM activities, potential impacts and mitigation.

Given the short time frame to respond, NTI will send an Inuktitut translation of this correspondence as soon as it is available. We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hannah Uniuqsaraq', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hannah Uniuqsaraq
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