



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 21YN014

Project Name: The “Instability of Permafrost Landscapes from Climate Change and the Hydrological Implications to High Arctic Watersheds” Project Proposal
Proponent Name: University of Ottawa
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani (North Baffin)
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125593
Comment Deadline: **March 29, 2021**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Instability of Permafrost Landscapes from Climate Change and the Hydrological Implications to High Arctic Watersheds” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, approximately 400 kilometres (km) from Grise Fiord. The Proponent intends to understand the impact thawing permafrost has on two watersheds in the high Arctic. The program is proposed to take place from May 2021 to August 2024. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Using multiple portable instruments to sample atmospheric, soil and water quality within the study area; and
- Accommodations at the PEARL research station near the Eureka Weather Station.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **21YN014** 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 Mia Otokiak, Junior Technical Advisor, toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or motokiak@nirb.ca.