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Sent via email: jean-philippe.cloutier-dussault@canada.ca and robin.reese@aecom.com

Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding Environment and Climate Change Canada's "Landfarm, Solid Waste Non-Hazardous Facility, Water and Sewage Treatment Infrastructure Upgrades for the Eureka High Arctic Weather Station" project proposal

Dear Jean-Philippe Cloutier-Dussault:

On February 22, 2021 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Environment and Climate Change Canada's (ECCC) "Landfarm, Solid Waste Non-Hazardous Facility, Water and Sewage Treatment Infrastructure Upgrades for the Eureka High Arctic Weather Station" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). On March 18, 2021 the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by April 8, 2021.

On or before April 8, 2021 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- *Crown – Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada*

All comment submissions received by the NIRB relating to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125586.

A *summary* of the public concerns reflected in the comment submissions relate to the following:

- Recommends that the Proponent follow measures to aid in mitigation of potential environmental impacts from the non-hazardous waste facility and landfarm activities;
- Clarify information regarding contaminated soils and treatment and disposal methods of the expected combustible waste;

- Recommends that the Proponent employ and train local Inuit, as well as maintain open communication with all interested parties throughout the life of the project.
- Notes that the Environmental Protection Plan should be sent to interested parties to comment on prior to commencement of activities can potentially lower risk involved in potential project activities.

The NIRB would like to provide ECCC with an opportunity to address the comments noted above prior to the Board rendering its determination for this screening assessment and issuing its subsequent Screening Decision Report to the responsible Minister. The NIRB respectfully requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **April 28, 2021**.

If ECCC determines that the time required to supply a written response is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca, or through the online public registry at www.nirb.ca.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4622 or motokiak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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