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NPC FILE No. 149491

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Dear Ms. Maksagak, Ms. Cote, Ms. McCaie, Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Jung:

**RE: NPC File # 149491 [Atmospheric Sciences and Terrestrial Ecosystem Studies in Victoria Island]**

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. Scientific Research: investigating the interactions between the atmosphere and permafrost, including pollution monitoring (atmospheric black carbon concentration), characterization of ecological components and their responses to climatic changes, and conduct climate manipulation experiments.
2. Associated NPC FILE No: 148203; Related NIRB FILE No. 12YN024
3. Location: Kitikmeot Region; [Cambridge Bay area]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current project proposal and a decision was issued on April 14, 2016 (NPC file 148203) that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. In addition, works and activities associated with the current proposal were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE No. 12YN024).

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This project proposal is exempt from the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NUPPAA) under section 235 of that Act. The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that it does not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply. The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that it does not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149491&sessionid=>

This decision applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 983-4625.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SA', with a horizontal line extending from the 'A'.

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