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To: The Honourable Dan Vandal, P.C., M.P.
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Sent via email: dan.vandal@parl.gc.ca, min@dfo-mpo.gc.ca, and Bernadette.jordan@parl.gc.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of 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 Honourable Ministers:

On February 22, 2021 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received 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 for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). **Pursuant to s. 92(4) of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Ministers extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 21XN012.**

On February 22, 2021 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and commence screening. On March 4, 2021 the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On March 18, 2021 the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties with a request for comments to be submitted for the Board's consideration by April 8, 2021.

Due to the complexity of comments and concerns received by parties, on April 14, 2021 the NIRB provided the Proponent with an opportunity to respond to comments and address issues raised prior to the Board's decision-making for this file. As a result of the time required to accommodate the opportunity for the Proponent to respond to concerns raised during the public commenting period, the NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within the 45 days as set out in the *NuPPAA* and additional time is requested to complete the decision-making for this file. The NIRB anticipates screening of this project proposal will be completed by **May 12, 2021**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Ministers for consideration; should any additional time be required to conclude the screening process, the NIRB commits to providing further updates as deemed appropriate.

If this request is approved, the NIRB understands that the Ministers will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

All documents received and pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125586.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Lootie Toomasie, Chairperson of the Nunavut Water Board
The Honourable David Joanase, Minister of Culture and Heritage