



**NIRB File No.: 18YN042**  
NPC File No.: 148914

September 20, 2021

Dr. Paul Jones  
University of Saskatchewan  
44 Campus Drive  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7N 5B3 Canada

Sent via email: [paul.jones@usask.ca](mailto:paul.jones@usask.ca)

**Re: Termination of Assessment Activities for University of Saskatchewan’s “Potential Impacts of New Perfluorinated Compounds on Arctic Char” Project Proposal, pursuant to NuPPAA s. 144(3)**

Dear Dr. Paul Jones:

On July 13, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen University of Saskatchewan’s “Potential Impacts of New Perfluorinated Compounds on Arctic Char” project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 18YN042 and commenced screening the project proposal pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (NuPPAA)*. Through the initial screening activities undertaken by the NIRB for this proposal, additional information was requested to address identified deficiencies as was detailed through Information Requests #1 and # 2 (enclosed for reference). On September 5, 2018 the NIRB determined that it was unable to complete the screening for the “Potential Impacts of New Perfluorinated Compounds on Arctic Char” project proposal and suspended its assessment activities for this screening pursuant to s. 144(2) of the *NuPPAA* (see enclosure).

The information required to conduct the screening assessment has not been provided within three (3) years of the request for additional information having been made by the NIRB; therefore the assessment of the “Potential Impacts of New Perfluorinated Compounds on Arctic Char” project proposal is hereby **terminated** pursuant to s. 144(3) of the *NuPPAA* (see [Appendix A](#) for file history).

Should the Proponent wish to undertake the proposed project in future, a new project proposal must be submitted to the Nunavut Planning Commission in accordance with s. 76 of the *NuPPAA*. Please be advised that the *NuPPAA* prohibits the carrying out of a project, in whole or in part,

where the required assessment by the NIRB has not been completed; regulatory authorities are also not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorizations in respect of a project where the required assessment by the NIRB has not been completed.

Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding the termination of this assessment, please contact Tara Arko – Director, Technical Services at (867) 983-4611 or [tarko@nirb.ca](mailto:tarko@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



Karen D. Costello  
Executive Director  
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Attachment: Appendix A: File History

Enclosure (1): Suspension Letter (September 5, 2018)

cc: The Honourable Bernadette Jordan, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard  
Alasdair Beattie, Fisheries and Oceans Canada  
Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission

**APPENDIX A: FILE HISTORY**

DATE	CORRESPONDENCE
July 13, 2018	NIRB e-mail to Proponent requesting Proponent complete online application.
July 23, 2018	Information Request Letter #1 requesting information be submitted by August 6, 2018.
August 14, 2018	Information Request Letter #2 requesting information be submitted by August 21, 2018.
September 5, 2018	Proponent responded to information request letter indicating that information to obtain suitable translations of their project summary.
July 15, 2019, April 22, 2020 and August 5, 2021	NIRB e-mail to Proponent regarding follow up to Suspension of Assessment of Activities.