



NIRB File No.: 18YN042

NPC File No: 148914

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Dr. Paul Jones
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Sent via email: paul.jones@usask.ca

Re: Suspension of Assessment Activities for University of Saskatchewan's "Potential Impacts of New Perfluorinated Compounds on Arctic Char" Project Proposal, Pursuant to NuPPAA Subsection 144(2)

Dear Dr. Paul Jones,

On July 13, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received 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 detailed through Information Requests #1 and #2 (enclosed for reference); as outlined in the Board's previous correspondence, this information is considered necessary to determine the scope of the project.

To date, the Board has not received the requested information or notification regarding when the information will be made available. I note further that staff members from the NIRB have attempted to contact University of Saskatchewan directly to discuss the outstanding information required to complete the screening of this project proposal, specifically via email on August 23, 2018. Consequently, the NIRB has determined that it is unable to complete the screening for the "Potential Impacts of New Perfluorinated Compounds on Arctic Char" project proposal at this time.

Pursuant to s. 144(2) of the *NuPPAA*, the Board is suspending its assessment activities for the screening of this project proposal until the requested information has been received by our office. 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

The Board further notes that if University of Saskatchewan has not provided the information requested within three years from August 14, 2018, the assessment of the project will be terminated as per s. 144(3) of the *NuPPAA*.

Should you have any questions regarding the suspension of this assessment or require clarification regarding how to address the outstanding information requirements for this file, please contact Kofi Boa-Antwi directly at (867) 983-4616 or kboaantwi@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard
Mark D'Aguiar, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission

Enclosure (2): Information Requests #1 for University of Saskatchewan's "Potential Impacts of New Perfluorinated Compounds on Arctic Char" Project Proposal, July 23, 2018
Information Requests #2 for University of Saskatchewan's "Potential Impacts of New Perfluorinated Compounds on Arctic Char" Project Proposal, August 14, 2018