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Dear Mr. Dwyer, Mr. Morrison, Ms. McCaie, Mr. Clark, Ms. Rahmer:

**RE: NPC File # 149615 [OPERATION NANOOK-NUNALIVUT 2022]**

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

1. Mobilization of approximately 47 Canadian Rangers from the 1st Canadian Range Patrol Group to conduct a long-range patrol commencing from two different locations in Nunavut using Light Over Snow Vehicles (LOSV):
  - a) One patrol will begin in the Hamlet of Taloyoak and will move Southwest inspecting North Warning System (NWS) sites and will link with another patrol in the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven. Together these two patrols will continue West towards NWS site CAM - B, with a stop at NWS site CAM - 2.
  - b) Simultaneously, a long-range patrol will depart Cambridge Bay and move in an easterly direction towards NWS site CAM - 1A with a stop at NWS site CAM - A3A. Once both of these patrols have reached their respective destinations, they will return to their original locations utilizing similar routes.
2. **Modifications to the original/amended project proposal:** New locations, but same overall military activities and impacts.
3. **Associated NPC File Nos:**
  - a. 148197 (Operation Nunaliivut 2016, issued Feb. 8, 2016)
  - b. 148282 (Operation Nanook 2016, issued April 25, 2016)

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- c. 148373 (Operation Nunavut 2017, issued Nov. 12, 2016)
  - d. 148577 (Operation Nanook 2017, issued May 24, 2017)
  - e. 148656 (Operation Nunavut 2018, issued Nov. 29, 2017)
  - f. 148867 (Operation Nunakput 2018, issued May 31, 2018)
  - g. 148932 (Operation Nanook 2018, issued Aug. 17, 2018)
  - h. 149149 (Operation Nunakput 2019, issued June 18, 2019)
  - i. 149253 (Operation Nannok-Nunavut, 2020, issued December 13, 2019)
4. **Location:** Kitikmeot Region; [multiple locations]

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. NPC has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC with conformity determination issued at different dates as noted above which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File Nos.: 16DN031, 16DN063, 16DN004 ).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the inclusion of additional military operations and patrol activities between the Hamlets of Taloyoak and Gjoa Haven does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended 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, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149615&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. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the NUPPAA.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 983-4625.

Sincerely,



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