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Dear Ms. Kapolak, Ms. D'Amours-Gauthier, Mr. Cote, Ms. Michel:

RE: NPC File # 149757 [MAP (Multidisciplinary Arctic Program) - Last Ice]

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

1. Continue sea ice research. Additional activities include using helicopter to access the sea ice, and collection of ice cores and under-ice water samples using a small (9 cm) ice corer and water sampling bottles (Niskin bottles). Use small instrumentation to measure temperature and salinity.
2. Modifications to the original project proposal:
 - Change in field location: The original proposed field location at CFS Alert is currently not open for scientific activities. The proposed activities would take place in offshore areas at CFS Alert (northernmost tip of Ellesmere Island) to sea ice in the channels surrounding Cornwallis Island in Wellington Channel, McDougall Sound and Queens Channel. These proposed locations are for spring 2022 only.
 - Change in access to sea ice sampling stations: No temporary shelter on the ice will be setup as originally planned at CFS Alert. Sea ice sampling stations will be accessed by helicopter.
3. Associated NPC File No: 148679; Related NIRB File No: 18YN002.
4. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [Alert, Last Sea Ice Area]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The 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 January 23, 2018. This conformity determination still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review

Board (NIRB File No.: 18YN002). It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the inclusion of additional sampling locations and the change in access to sea ice sampling stations 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, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149757&sessionid=>

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination 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) 983-4982.

Sincerely,

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

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