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**RE: NIRB 22XN016: Notice of Screening for Government of Nunavut (GN) Expansion/Amendment to Rankin Inlet Landfarm" Proposal.**

Dear Mr. Emingak,

On behalf of the Government of Nunavut (GN), please find attached comments pertaining to the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB) Notice of Screening for GN- CGS "Expansion/Amendment to Rankin Inlet Landfarm" project proposal.

The GN-Culture and Heritage has reviewed the information provided to the NIRB regarding the above-mentioned project and has provided the following detailed comments pertaining to Archaeological and Paleontological Sites.

Should you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact me at 867-975-7828 or by email at [asimonfalvy@gov.nu.ca](mailto:asimonfalvy@gov.nu.ca).

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GN-01: Archaeological and Paleontological Sites	
Department	Culture and Heritage
Organization	Government of Nunavut
Subject/Topic	Expansion/Amendment to Rankin Inlet Landfarm
References	NIRB Notice of Screening 22XN016
CONCERNS	
<p>Petroleum Products Division is proposing to extend the footprint of the current landfarm to hold 7000 CU.M. of contaminated soils. Activities include the use of heavy equipment (excavator, zoom boom, packer) for the construction and management of the landfarm.</p> <p>A search of the Nunavut Site Data Base indicates that there are one hundred and three (103) archaeological sites located within the municipality boundary. This however does not preclude the presence of unidentified sites or cultural features as to this day no systematic archaeological reconnaissance has been conducted in this specific area.</p> <p>The Department of Culture and Heritage notes that the current fuel facility is located in an area that has already been used for industrial activities but that the exact location of the proposed expansion footprint appears undisturbed and needs to be assessed for archaeological sites and/or cultural.</p>	
RECOMMENDATIONS	
<p>A Class 2 Archaeological permit is required.</p> <p>On the basis that several archaeological sites are located in the vicinity of the proposed landfarm site the Department of Culture and Heritage recommends that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. An Archaeological Impact Assessment be carried out in advance of proposed activities to determine if archaeological sites are in potential conflict and identify any necessary avoidance or mitigation measures.</li> <li>2. The applicant works with a qualified archaeologist who will apply for a Class 2 permit with the Department of Culture and Heritage.</li> <li>3. During construction activities CH recommends that no activities be conducted in the vicinity (50 m buffer zone) of any archaeological/historical sites. If archaeological sites or features are encountered, activities should immediately be interrupted and moved away from this location. Each site encountered needs to be recorded and reported to the Government of Nunavut Territorial Archaeology Office.</li> </ol>	

All archaeological and palaeontological sites in Nunavut are protected under the Nunavut Act. The Proponent must understand that it is their responsibility to ensure that no heritage sites are disturbed in the course of their activities. No person shall alter, or otherwise disturb an archaeological site, or remove any artifact from an archaeological site without the proper authorizations. Moreover, the building of inuksuit is not recommended.

#### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

An Archaeology Class 2 permit is required.