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Sent via email: SAilara@gov.nu.ca

Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding Government of Nunavut's "Baker Lake Landfarm" Project Proposal

Dear Sulaimon Ayilara:

On March 25, 2022 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Government of Nunavut's (GN) "Baker Lake Landfarm" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). On April 28, 2022, the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by May 19, 2022.

On or before May 19, 2022, the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- *Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC)*

All comment submissions received by the NIRB relating to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online Public Registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125677.

A *summary* of the public concerns reflected in the comment submissions relate to the following:

CIRNAC

- Landfarm Equipment Operations - Recommends that the Proponent clarify what measures will be taken to ensure that equipment used in the landfarm remediation area is cleaned prior to removal from the landfarm;
- Landfarm Dust Suppression - Recommends that the Proponent clarify if the annual precipitation falling over the footprint of the facility is expected to be adequate for dust suppression efforts of the facility, and if not, provide quantities of water to be sourced from surrounding water bodies to meet the project's dust mitigation needs; and

- Projected Water Consumption - Recommends the Proponent clarify what water consumption is expected.

The NIRB would like to provide Government of Nunavut with an opportunity to address the comments noted above prior to the Board rendering its determination for this screening assessment and issuing its subsequent Screening Decision Report to the responsible Minister. The NIRB respectfully requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **June 7, 2022**.

If Government of Nunavut determines that the time required to supply a written response is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca, or through the online public registry at www.nirb.ca.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4616 or femingak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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