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Dear Ms. Maksagak, Mr. Chapple, Prairies and Territories Office, and Mr. May:

**RE: NPC File # 149727 [Naujaat Solar and Energy Storage Project]**

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

1. Undertake geotechnical assessment and the construction of a utility-scale renewable energy and battery storage system in Naujaat. Specific project activities include:
  - Use of pick-up trucks for the movement of personnel on site, and for transport to and from site. Heavy trucks may also be used for moving smaller equipment or supplies around and for various site needs
  - Use of drill rigs to conduct geotechnical work to obtain core samples and for the installation of solar array foundations.
  - Use of mobile concrete or cement mixer for mixing and pouring concrete for the solar array foundation.
  - Permanent structures to be built on site include solar PV arrays, multiple inverters, transformers, electrical meters, point of interconnection equipment, battery and battery housing, microgrid control system, underground and overhead electrical collection systems, and the associated concrete pads for all equipment. Additionally, a new electrical distribution line connecting the project site to the QEC powerhouse will also be constructed.
2. Location: Kivalliq Region; [Municipality of Naujaat].

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. It conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix

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C, G, and H of the KRLUP. The project proposal requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Agreement.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this determination to the NIRB for screening. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:  
<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149727&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) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'S.A.' with a stylized flourish.

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