

**To: Nunavut Impact Review Board**

**From: Kivalliq Inuit Association**

**Project Proposal Title: Nunavut Uranium Project**

**Proponent: Forum Energy Metals Corp.**

**Location:** Kivalliq Region

**Comments Due By:** July 5, 2022      **NIRB #:** 22EN032

**Re: June 20<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting, Nunamiut Lodge, Baker Lake**

Forum Energy Metals Corporation held a community consultation in Baker Lake on June 20, 2022. The community consultation was held at the Nunamiut Lodge conference room and a total of 31 members of the public attended. A presentation on the planned 2022 activities related to uranium exploration was given by Forum representatives Rebecca Hunter (Geologist) and Denise Lockett (Community Liaison). The mineral exploration activities are summarized as follows:

2022:

A thirty-day program based out of Baker Lake for a six-person helicopter supported exploration program that will consist of;

- Use of helicopter for day trips for exploration activities;
- Examining drill cores at the previous campsite;
- Conduct site investigation on Aberdeen Lake and in the vicinity of Gerhard Lake;
- Conduct ground gravity and airborne geophysical surveys;
- Bringing fuel, three drills and other camp / exploration related equipment and supplies to Baker Lake by barge in 2022, in advance of building a temporary 20 to 30-person camp in the spring of 2023;

Once the Forum presentation was completed, the floor was opened to the public for any questions or concerns they may have. There was very little time between questions for the Forum representatives to answer or comment on any of the questions/comments that were asked. This was due to a small percentage of the public attendees asking the questions and making comments in a very rapid manner, in both English and Inuktitut. A petition opposing the requested exploration project was circulated by one of the attendees which most attendees signed. The same attendee did a short presentation to inform of previous explorations which dated back to about early 2000's. She used photo's that circulated around the meeting room which showed drill casings sticking out of the ground and metal cables on the ground. Some of the photo's showed old camp sites, land marks left behind to indicate either fishing spots or caribou migration passing the area. The questions and concerns voiced by the public are listed below:

1. Have you spoken to the elders who were born on those areas?
2. Also, there are a lot of hunting areas where you will be exploring. Have you spoken to the hunters?
3. We were promised a lot of things by Agnico but they become broken all their promises. Will you guys be doing that as well?

4. Uranium is more dangerous than gold which is right by the Thelon River. Will the Thelon River become contaminated by uranium?
5. What are you going to use the uranium for?
6. Who gave you permission to explore the area?
7. The Caribou migrations are being changed by mines and explorations. How will your work change the migration?
8. I have seen videos of people getting sick from being exposed to uranium.
9. You provided jobs in Saskatchewan and these people have suffered, why aren't they here to talk uranium mining to us?
10. The majority of the people here live off the caribou and the migrations have been affected.
11. It's also our water source that flows from Aberdeen Lake through Thelon river into Baker Lake than to the Hudson Bay. Water looks clean for now but later down the road will it become contaminated?
12. Explain "clean mining".
13. The Company doesn't seem to adhere to the Terms and Conditions set out by the government. Your previous company violated Terms and Conditions and reporting. It'll be 10 years this month since those violations have happened. There were drill rod casings that have been left behind. When will these be removed?
14. Does NTI, KIA or other levels of government come to your sites to inspect them?
15. Once you open the orange areas indicated on the map, you are going to change caribou migration routes. We need caribou. We don't always want to rely on store bought food.
16. Was the public informed of the work put in place?
17. It is very important that the public is informed.
18. Once mining for uranium, how is it transported?
19. Who did you guys talk to in order to explore the areas?
20. Jobs for who? Southerners? Why not hire locally?
21. If the uranium gets into our waters, will it affect the fish as well?
22. I know radiation can be detected, how much more radiation will there be from the drill holes? It can affect a lot of stuff.
23. When you are done drilling, does it become a quarry to store drill cores?
24. Which is more dangerous in mining? Gold? or uranium?
25. Some companies have started and proceeded without proper authorization, will it be the case here too?
26. Is there asbestos in uranium?
27. Can animals digest uranium that has contaminated the ground?
28. What does radioactive mean?
29. Are you going on radio shows as some elders can't always attend public meetings?
30. It is your responsibility to inform everyone.
31. Uranium is used in nuclear power, what do you do when the reactors break down to do a clean up?
32. Will there be local employment? How many?
33. Can you give clarification as to how many locals will be hired for the season?
34. How do we comment on Forum's permit application?
35. If there is an earthquake in Baler Lake will uranium leak out of the drill holes?
36. Will you train the local people that work for you?
37. If uranium gets into the Thelon River will our fish have uranium in them?
38. Does uranium leave the rocks and go into the air?



39. The NIRB, NWB, Feds and KIA all have meetings and speak for Baker Lake but these organizations don't ask the residents of Baker Lake what they want.

## Whale Cove