



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 22YN062

Project Name: The “Mueller’s Ice Cap Ice Core” project
Proponent Name: University of Manitoba
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125765
Comment Deadline: **February 23, 2023**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Mueller’s Ice Cap Ice Core” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, approximately 440 kilometres (km) from Grise Fiord. The Proponent intends to conduct ice core research to understand how climate change has affected sea ice and ice cap conditions and to find out how old the Mueller Ice Cap is. The program is proposed to take place from April 2023 to August 2024. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of twin otter airplane to transport personnel to the ice cap
- Use of snowmobiles to travel on ice cap
- Hiring of local community member for camp season
- Use of ice core drill to collect ice core

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **22YN062** to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via www.nirb.ca. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Mia Otokiak, Technical Advisor I toll-free at (867) 983-4622 or motokiak@nirb.ca.