



NIRB File No.: 23WA065

Associated NIRB File No.: 12XN020, 21QN005, 21XN012, 21UN002

NPC File No.: 149859

Associated NPC File Nos.: 148232, 148241, 148746, 149440, 149457, 149457

February 2, 2023

Nadia Baker
AECOM Canada Ltd.
Fourth Floor, 3292 Production Way
Burnaby BC V5A 4R4

Sent via email: nadia.baker@aecom.com

Re: Notice of Screening for AECOM Canada Ltd.'s "Eureka High Arctic Weather Station Water Use Increase Type A Water Licence" Project Proposal

Dear Nadia Baker:

On December 14, 2022 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen AECOM Canada Ltd.'s "Eureka High Arctic Weather Station Water Use Increase Type A Water Licence" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan.

The Commission has determined that the project proposal is a significant modification to the project because of the increase in daily water use requiring a Type A water license.

Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **23WA065** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On December 14, 2022 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and commence screening.

On January 30, 2023 the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope:

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125746.

Project:	Eureka High Arctic Weather Station Water Use Increase Type A Water Licence				
Region:	Qikiqtani (North Baffin)				
Location:	Eureka High Arctic Weather Station (HAWS)				
Closest Community:	Grise Fiord	Distance (approximate)	400 kilometres (km)	Direction	North
Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to pump water from Station Creek to the water reservoir at the HAWS over a period of 10 days at a rate of 2000 cubic meters/day. All licensing requirements will remain the same, except for a change from a Type B water licence, which has a daily limit of 300 cubic meters/day, to a Type A water license, which has a daily limit of 2000 cubic meters/day.				
Project Proposed Timeline:	June 2024 to September 2024				

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Pumping 2000 cubic meters of water per day for a period of 10 days from Station Creek to a water reservoir at the HAWS.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

The NIRB notes that all other undertakings, works, and activities associated with this project have been screened previously under NIRB File numbers 12XN020, 21QN005, 21XN012, and 21UN002 and have therefore been excluded from this scope.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry www.nirb.ca/project/125746 and include:

- *Commission Conformity Determination*
- *Commission Application and Questionnaire*
- *NIRB Online Application*
- *Revised NIRB Online Application*

- *Wildlife Management Plan*
- *Environmental Impact Assessment*
- *Environmental Impact Assessment Addendum*
- *Site Maps*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by AECOM's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **February 23, 2023**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

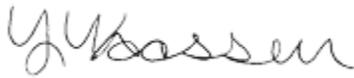
- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125746.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4603 or lklaassen@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Leah Klaassen
Technical Advisor II
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosures (4): Public Notice of Screening (English, and Inuktitut)
Comment Forms (English, and Inuktitut)

cc: Distribution List
Richard Dwyer, Nunavut Water Board
Agnes Simonfalvy, Government of Nunavut
Stephen Williamson Bathory, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Jared Ottenhof, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Joel Fortier, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Alasdair Beattie, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Tracey McCaie, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
Jean-Philippe Clouthier-Dussault, Environment Canada
Alexander Stubbing, Government of Nunavut, Department of Culture and Heritage