



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 23YN005

Project Name: The “Helicopter-based radar survey of Devon Ice Cap” project
Proponent Name: Montana State University
Project Type: Research Region: North Baffin
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No. 125764
Comment Deadline: **March 16, 2023**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Helicopter-based radar survey of Devon Ice Cap” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, approximately 75 kilometres (km) from Grise Fiord. The Proponent intends to conduct aerial radar surveys over Devon Ice Cap over the course of 7 to 10 days. The program is proposed to take place from April 16, 2023 to June 6, 2023. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of a radar instrument mounted on a helicopter to perform radar surveys of various glaciers of the Devon Ice Cap over the course of 7 to 10 days;
- Use of a helicopter to perform test flights out of the Polar Continental Shelf Program Facility in Resolute Bay for 1 to 3 days prior to the radar survey.
- Use of a Twin Otter aircraft to deliver fuel to existing caches at Gascoyne Inlet and Truelove Lowlands.
- Storage of 10 x 200L barrels of aviation fuel at an existing fuel cache at Gascoyne Inlet.

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **23YN005** 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 Leah Klaassen, Technical Advisor II toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or lklaassen@nirb.ca.