



Draft Standard Impact Statement Guidelines

Consultation Sessions







WELCOME



Introductions





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Session Objectives



Build knowledge and awareness around the **Standard Impact** Statement (IS) Guidelines development process

Provide an opportunity for stakeholders and rightsholders to give feedback

Gather input to inform the next iteration of the **Draft Standard IS** Guidelines



Agenda



#	Agenda Item	Time
1	Welcome and Opening Remarks	15 minutes
2	Context Setting	15 minutes
3	Seeking Input on Key Themes	130 minutes
4	Comments on Other Themes	15 minutes
5	Closing	5 minutes



Housekeeping



- Washrooms are located in the gym and pool area on the 4th floor
- Muster station is located in the lobby of the Pinnacle Harbourfront Hotel across the street
- WIFI network: Ambleside II Room Password: NIRB



Roundtable Introductions



Please share your name and organization







CONTEXT SETTING



Parallel Consultation Processes



Draft Standard Impact Statement Guidelines

Written Comments Received

In-Person Consultation Sessions

January

Draft Rules of Procedure

Written Comments Received

In-Person Consultation Sessions

April



Draft Standard Impact Statement Guidelines



- Purpose of the January 2023 Consultation Sessions are to:
 - Receive input and hold discussion with all parties on key topics
 - Inform the Revised Draft Impact Statement Guidelines
- Community engagement is planned for 2023, with two communities per region
- Additional guidance documents will be developed for proponents and parties on:
 - Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit
 - Socio-Economic Impact Assessment
 - Public Engagement



Development of Key Themes



- Key themes are informed by:
 - Written comments received in 2018
 - Input during recent NIRB processes
 - Process changes since 2018
 - Similar work in other jurisdictions
- Key themes have been grouped for discussion

Core Principles



- Inuit and community involvement are to be woven throughout all themes
- Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit needs to inform all stages of the impact assessment
- The proponent must provide reasons for differences in conclusions
- Systems analysis (individual and collective impacts)





SEEKING INPUT ON KEY THEMES



Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and Public Engagement



Key points from NIRB Discussion Document:

- Inuit and community members need to be involved throughout all stages of project development
- Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit needs to inform all stages of the impact assessment
- The Proponent shall share how it has followed all applicable Inuit protocols for the collection, protection, and use of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit
- Inuit need to be involved in both the collection and interpretation of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit and other Knowledge shared
- The Proponent must provide reasons for conclusions differing from community views

What do you like or appreciate? What uncertainties or gaps remain? What additional information or guidance is required?



Significance Determination



Key points from NIRB Discussion Document:

- Assessing the significance of potential impacts is the most important aspect of an Impact Statement and must involve potentially affected communities
- The Proponent shall include how it considered different parties' views in determining the significance of potential impacts
- The Proponent shall describe how Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, well-being, and the values of potentially impacted communities are reflected in the determination of significance

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Methods



Key points from NIRB Discussion Document:

- Sufficient information and analysis must be included (for example scientific information, engineering information, Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, Indigenous Knowledge, and Community Knowledge).
- Where conclusions are inconsistent with Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, Indigenous Knowledge, and Community Knowledge, Proponent rationale and plans to address differences shall be included.
- The Proponent shall identify and/or clarify any uncertainties in methods and conclusions.
- Proponents are encouraged to use plain language as much as possible and consider plain language summaries for each chapter.
- The Proponent shall engage with potentially impacted communities on what visuals would be most helpful (for example 3-D models, maps with pictures on them, or photos of the area).



Baseline



Key points from NIRB Discussion Document:

- Baseline includes historical background and current baseline conditions
- A description of how the existing environment is expected to change over the life of the project in response to climate change
- Any time limits associated with the validity of data used must be clarified (for example, baseline data may not be valid after a certain time due to changes in sampling techniques)

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Impact Assessment



Key points from NIRB Discussion Document:

- The impact assessment must describe:
 - Potential impacts and effects on individual valued components considered;
 - Potential impacts and changes to the valued components as they relate to or form systems (also referred to as collective impacts);
 - Significance of the predicted impact and reasoning for that determination;
 - Potential cumulative effects of the proposed project on the valued components and the systems identified;
 - Potential for transboundary effects;
 - Proposed mitigation measures to avoid, reduce, or offset predicted impacts; and
 - Predicted residual impacts after mitigation measures are applied
- Proponents are expected to focus on assessing the impacts identified by communities as issues of concern, in addition to those with greater potential to cause residual impacts



Cumulative Effects



Key points from NIRB Discussion Document:

- A cumulative effect refers to the accumulation or addition of changes to the socio-economic or biophysical environment caused by past, existing, and proposed human activities and/or natural processes
- Cumulative effects on valued biophysical and socio-economic components must include culture, health, and food security
- Input should be requested from all relevant parties (including governments, Designated Inuit Organizations, and potentially affected communities) and be informed by community-based monitoring programs
- Cumulative effects must consider that cumulative biophysical and socio-economic effects can also result from individually minor, but collectively significant, effects occurring over a period of time
- Proponents shall address how the assessment of alternatives considered cumulative effects

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Socio-Economic Impact Assessment



Key points from NIRB Discussion Document (General):

- An assessment of the socio-economic environment shall be done with the same level of effort and expertise as the biophysical environment
- The Proponent shall engage with Inuit and community members from potentially affected communities so that the factors that are most important to Inuit well-being are chosen as indicators
- A holistic understanding of health must be taken
 - The Proponent should use a determinants of health approach when predicting potential effects of proposed projects on health
 - The Proponent should undertake both a Health Impact Assessment and Human Health Risk Assessment...



Socio-Economic Impact Assessment



Key points from NIRB Discussion Document (continued):

Health impact assessments related to Inuit shall include the following considerations: food security; perceived and real risk of contamination and effects of both on country food harvesting and alienation; a Population Health approach; Inuit determinants of health that go beyond the biophysical, and consider the mental, physical, and spiritual aspects of health

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Climate Change



Key points from NIRB Discussion Document:

- The Impact Statement shall include a discussion on global climate change
- The Proponent must assess how potential climate change could affect valued components
- Proponents shall demonstrate how climate change has been considered in the design and planning of the Project including the post-closure period
- Assessments shall address uncertainty and indicate how areas impacted by development are expected to change over time and under different climate change conditions/models

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Comments on Other Themes



Any burning comments or questions on the topics we haven't touched on during this session?





CLOSING



Tentative Timeline



January 2023:

Consultations on the Draft **Standard IS Guidelines**

February – April 2023:

Regional Community Consultations

June 2023:

Revised Draft Standard IS Guidelines for Comment

October 2023:

NIRB Distributes Finalized Standard IS Guidelines

