



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 23YN008

Project Name: The “Permafrost Pathways Monitoring Network” project
Proponent Name: Woodwell Climate
Project Type: Research Region: Qikiqtani (North Baffin) Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125782
Comment Deadline: **May 15, 2023**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Permafrost Pathways Monitoring Network” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, Within Municipal Boundaries in Resolute Bay and Pond Inlet. The Proponent intends to conduct research on the carbon dioxide and methane emissions from natural permafrost ecosystems to understand carbon exchange in the Arctic boreal region. The program is proposed to take place from May 2023 to August 2027. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Installation of monitoring stations within the municipal boundaries of Resolute Bay and Pond Inlet for five (5) years
- Annual repair and maintenance to structure and equipment by a local hire and staff
- Installation of a metal tri-pod with sensors with a battery
- Annual community meetings to provide updates on the project and information to be openly shared to a repository annually

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **23YN008** 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 Kelli Gillard, Manager, Project Monitoring toll-free at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.