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Dear Mr. Emingak, Ms. Pirie-Dominix, Mr. Dwyer, Ms. McCaie, Ms. LeBlanc-Havard, Ms. Kuliktana, and Mr. Chevallier

RE: NPC File # 149631 [1990s caribou camp and fuel cache clean-up (Ahiak Migratory Bird Sanctuary)]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. The Proponent is proposing to continue cleanup/remediation within the Ahiak (Queen Maud Gulf) Migratory Bird Sanctuary.
2. The modification proposed in the current application includes the following:

Personnel Changes

- Number of personnel accessing the site may increase to approximately 8 people.

Field Dates Modified

- The work is expected to be conducted in July and August each year and may be extended to September.

Modified Activities and Equipment / Increased Scope of Work

- A temporary camp will be set up in the area of the former caribou research camp to complete the work and limit possible delays and disturbances associated with air travel. Travel to the site will occur from Cambridge Bay via Perry River Airstrip, where fuel caches will be stored.
- Field technicians will conduct a waste inventory and employ an Electromagnetic survey to determine the location of buried waste at the site.
- A Phase III ESA will also occur, which involves additional sampling of soil, sediment, groundwater, and surface water to delineate the extent and magnitude of contamination in various media.

Increased Scope of Opportunistic Remediation Work

- Moving fuel from old barrels and placing it into new barrels.
 - Appropriate equipment such as spill kits and items to remove fuel from old sealed barrels will be brought to the site if it is deemed to be a feasible option.
 - Lifting old barrels from being embedded into the ground and placing them into a pack barrel.
 - Bringing portable berm(s) to the site and determining an appropriate location for the berm(s) to store new barrels with old fuel (source fuel) for future removal. Alternatively, the portable berm(s) may be set up at Perry River airstrip to store the old fuel (source fuel) for future removal. Source/old fuel would be moved via helicopter from the site to the Perry River airstrip ensuring appropriate regulations are being followed for the movement and storage of this source fuel.
 - Other site debris aside from fuel may be relocated to the Perry River land strip for future removal. The inventory would include approximately 70 old barrels packaged accordingly (with pack drums or the old fuel transferred into new barrels) and a variety of wood and metal debris.
3. Associated NPC File Nos: 149439; Related NIRB File No. 21UN001
 4. Location: Kitikmeot [Ahiak Migratory Bird Sanctuary]].

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current project proposal and a decision was issued on January 8, 2021 (NPC File No. 149439) that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. In addition, works and activities associated with the current proposal were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No. 21UN001).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the currently proposed modifications do not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149631&sessionid=>

This decision applies only to the above-noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects, and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of the letters 'S' and 'A' connected by a horizontal line.

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