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Dear Ms. Kapolak, Ms. McCaie, Mr. Ottenhof, Ms. Kuliktana, and Mr. Bouchard:

RE: NPC File #150178 [CAFATC - Arctic OPs 2024]

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

1. The Canadian Armed Forces is proposing to continue its annual Arctic Operations (AO) course, based out of the Canadian Armed Forces Arctic Training Centre (CAFATC) in Resolute, and including patrol deployments to a variety of NU communities in cooperation with the Canadian Rangers (CR).
2. The Arctic Ops 2023 would comprise approximately 84 CAF and foreign military personnel and will be conducted between 06 Feb 24 – 22 Mar 24, i.e. a total of six training weeks. All personnel will deploy north via RCAF or military contracted airlift on 8 - 10 February 2024.
3. Land-based activities will include land survival training, dismounted movement, mounted movement, and patrolling. Land-based activities will take place on the land and adjacent sea ice surrounding several communities, in an operations box with a 300 km radius centred on each of the following locations (all NU):

- a. Hall Beach (68° 46' 38" N, 81° 13' 27" W);
- b. Resolute Bay (74° 43' 01" N, 94° 58' 10" W);

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- c. Arctic Bay (73° 02' 0" N, 85° 10' 0" W);
 - d. Igloolik (69° 24' 0" N, 81° 48' 0" W);
 - e. Cambridge Bay (69° 06' 60" N, 105° 04' 34" W).
 - f. Grise Fiord (76° 25' 03"N, 82° 53' 38"W);
 - g. Gjoa Haven (68° 37' 56"N, 95° 50' 44"W); and
 - h. Taloyoak (69° 32' 29"N, 93° 33' 56"W).
- 4. All air operations support for intra-territorial movement will be contracted civilian air support through CAFATC. And will include 2x DC-3 and 2x Twin Otter from Ken Borek Air.
 - 5. Associated NPC File Nos: 149653; 149917; 149253; 149872; Related NIRB File No.: 16DN031.
 - 6. Location: Kitimeot and Qikiqtani Regions [multiple communities].

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 activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by NPC, and conformity determination was issued on January 10, 2022, November 15, 2022, August 8, 2022, and November 25, 2019, which still applies. It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

The project proposal does not require screening because it belongs to a class of works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Agreement (NA), and the NPC does not have concerns regarding the cumulative impacts of the project proposal..

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=150178&sessionid=>

This conformity determination 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. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the NUPPAA.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 447-4563.

Sincerely,



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