



# CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Vermont State University's  
"Interpretations of Polar Environments at the Nanoscale"  
Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

**Re: Notice of Screening for Vermont State University's "Interpretations of Polar Environments at the Nanoscale" Project Proposal**

Dear Kelli Gillard,

On May 1, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Vermont State University's "Interpretations of Polar Environments at the Nanoscale" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

**Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal**

**CIRNAC #1: Consultation with interested parties**

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consult with the Municipality of Cambridge Bay, the Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Association, and relevant organizations or individuals regarding its project proposal. As part of any consultation activities, several issues should be considered, including, but not limited to:

- Incorporation of Inuit Qauijimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional harvesting activities within or in close proximity to the project area;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent disturbance to sites with cultural, archaeological, and/or environmental significance;
- Training and employment opportunities for Inuit and community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local and Inuit-owned businesses; and
- Regular updates on the status of project activities.



CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments. Should you have any questions, please contact Muhammad Arslan by e-mail at [muhammad.arslan@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](mailto:muhammad.arslan@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca) or David Abernethy by email at [david.abernethy@canada.ca](mailto:david.abernethy@canada.ca).

Sincerely,



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