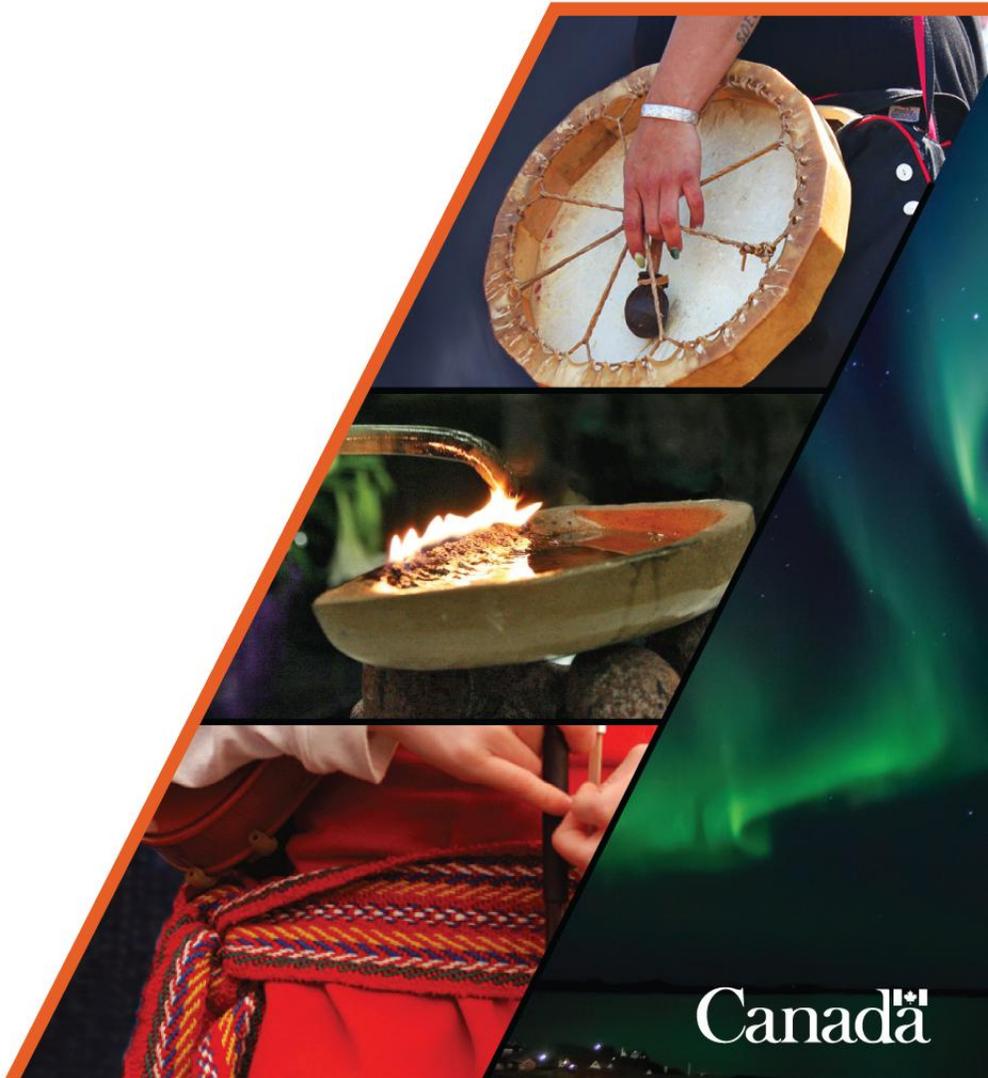




CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Greenridge Exploration Inc.'s “Nut Lake Project” Proposal



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Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Greenridge Exploration Inc.'s "Nut Lake Project" Proposal

Dear Amir Pourmahabadian,

On June 25, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Greenridge Exploration Inc.'s "Nut Lake Project" proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology

CIRNAC is of the view that the potential impacts of the proposed Project can be mitigated with known practices or technology.

CIRNAC #1: Fuel and Other Hazardous Materials

The exploration camp will stage approximately 240 × 205 L drums of diesel and jet fuel, 10 drums of gasoline, and 20 propane cylinders, in addition to smaller quantities of oils, greases, antifreeze, drilling additives, and laboratory chemicals. CIRNAC suggests the Proponent consider:

- Verifying that berm capacity is sufficient to contain 110% of the largest single container volume or 10% of the aggregate volume, whichever is greater;
- Inspecting and logging each drum on arrival and prior to removal, and storing all fuel caches at least thirty-one (31) meters from the ordinary high-water mark waterbodies;
- Refueling with grounded, filtered pumps over rigid drip-trays and maintaining setback from ignition sources during transfers;
- Placing spill kits and fire extinguishers at all caches and helipads; and,



- Conducting refresher spill-response training at the outset of each field rotation.

CIRNAC #2: Waste Management

The Waste Management Plan proposes on-site incineration of combustible waste in a Smart-Ash unit, with back-haul of inert and hazardous materials to Qamani'tuaq. Burn logs, ash-testing protocols, and measures for wildlife-proof interim storage have not been outlined. CIRNAC suggests the Proponent consider

- Segregating waste at the point of generation and maintaining colour-coded containers for recyclable, hazardous, and combustible streams;
- Storing food waste in a lockable, bear-proof container and documenting any wildlife interactions; and
- Scheduling the removal of metals, e-waste, aerosols, batteries, and empty drums on each resupply flight as practical.

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

CIRNAC #3: Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue consulting with the municipality of Baker Lake, the Baker Lake Hunters & Trappers Organization, the Kivalliq Inuit Association, and any other relevant organizations or individuals on its project proposal. As part of these consultation activities, several issues should be considered, including, but not limited to:

- Incorporation of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- Mitigation measures to prevent disturbance to sites of cultural, archaeological, and/or environmental significance;
- The experience of community members who practice traditional and recreational activities within or in close proximity to project area;
- 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 or David Abernethy by email at david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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