



COMMENT FORM FOR NIRB SCREENINGS

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has a mandate to protect the integrity of the ecosystem for the existing and future residents of Nunavut. To assess the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the project proposal, NIRB would like to hear your concerns, comments and suggestions about the following project proposal application:

Project Proposal Title: Nut Lake Project	
Proponent: Greenridge Exploration Inc.	
Location: Kivalliq	
Comments Due By: July 16, 2025	NIRB #: 25EN025

Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:

<input type="checkbox"/> no concerns	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> traditional uses of land
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> water quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inuit harvesting activities
<input type="checkbox"/> terrain	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community involvement and consultation
<input type="checkbox"/> air quality	<input type="checkbox"/> local development in the area
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> wildlife and their habitat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> tourism in the area
<input type="checkbox"/> marine mammals and their habitat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> human health issues
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> birds and their habitat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: CUMMULATIVE IMPACTS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fish and their habitat	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> heritage resources in area	

Please describe the concerns indicated above:

Uranium – is a controversial issue and industry in the Nunavut territory and since the inception of the territory has used the regulatory system to circumvent bringing this controversial issue to the public eye. The moratorium on uranium was lifted through meetings that were inaccessible to the general public and those who passed motions did not ask if that was what their community or general public would like to see. Policies were made by government and Inuit organizations regarding uranium without the general public's input as well. Nunavut is here today because Inuit of Baker Lake were not in support of mineral exploration without their consent or input. Baker Lake voted twice prior to Nunavut becoming a territory on this very issue and voted "NO" to the uranium industry. Since then, the regulatory process further distances the issue from the general public and community members. The ones who know about the issue, are either on a board or elected member; there is no transparency or accountability for the voting member(s) to bring the issue to the public and learn if this acceptable industry or not. Plus, how do they vote on the issue or pass motions or if they don't know what the community would like to see regarding this issue. Industry once again has the upper hand more than the people who live in the territory because the regulatory system is already skewed to industry legally; this doctrine is imposed on the people who live here. The Land is the basis of our culture –food, water, fresh air, mind, body and spirit not just monetary in minerals/rocks.

Water – how much water is used for this activity compared to what the community uses? Trying to understand quantities comparable to what is used in the community.

- What happens to the wastewater that is hazardous or radioactive?
- Where is the accredited facility mentioned in the application located?
- How long are the hazardous and radioactive wastewater stored and what are the locations they stored at until they reached their final destination; locations names and geographical locations?

Wildlife & Habitat – caribou are a major source of food for our community and region plus a way of life. Caribou and their habitat are important to keep this renewable resource at healthy populations including the land and waters



Tourism in the area – canoeist from around the world travel down the Harvaqtuuq – Kazan River in the summer when the rivers and lakes are ice free. Sport hunters may hunt in the area and fishing camps may be in the area. This may not be at this moment in time but cannot hinder the future possibilities of these activities.

Human health issues – The storage of hazardous drums of wastewater from drilling or other activities; radioactive waste etc how will this not enter the ecosystem ie fish and wildlife habitats. These are important food sources for Inuit. The water from the Harvaqtuuq – Kazan River is important water source as well for Inuit.

Other: CUMMULATIVE IMPACTS –mineral exploration permits/applications come piece meal, and this topic (Uranium) has yet to be thoroughly and honestly discussed; the pros and cons of this industry not just by a select few who have no ties to the landscape. Decisions are made by a few who legally can make decisions but have no tie to the landscape. Those who have ties to the landscape are left out of the decision-making process or a select few without transparency or accountability. The mineral exploration permits issued in the region are large areas of land and the uranium issue needs to be seen from the beginning to the end stage – ie the mineral exploration, mining and decommissioning process together is a large footprint. For example, from helicopter use, planes and over land haul needs to be included in the footprint of this type of activity instead of just the campsite or drill sites. It's piecemeal and breaks up the activity and does not show the bigger picture together.

Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?

The hot critical topic of Uranium; process beginning to end; including exploration, mining to decommissioning needs to be part of the whole discussion/decision making and whether there is an appetite at the community/local level as those who make decisions on our behalf have not asked or know if this activity is acceptable or not at the community/local level.

Are we ready for this activity?

Where are the training and development plans for the people who live here to obtain jobs that are not entry level occupations. The rocks and minerals are not going anywhere until they are mined so there is time to ensure we are ready and capable to have the majority of jobs and careers in this industry. At this point in time, we are a minority in our territory in the job market in this industry and the land claim is not fully fulfilled in this aspect.

Do you support the project proposal? Yes ☐ No ☒ Any additional comments?

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