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NIRB Resources

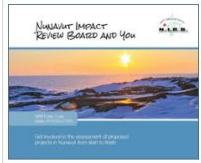


Guides

Public Guides

The NIRB has a series of public guides in place which provide a general overview of the NIRB and its Screening, Review and Monitoring processes. These guides are available in English, French, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun and can be viewed online or downloaded to your personal computer.

NIRB Guide 1: Introduction



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NIRB Guide 2: Screening



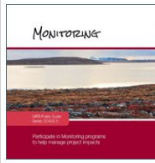
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NIRB Guide 3: Review



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NIRB Guide 4: Monitoring

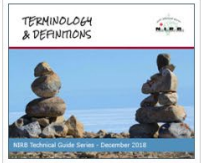


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Technical Guides

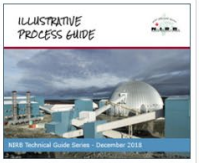
The NIRB maintains a series of technical guides targeted at specific audiences, to promote effective participation in our processes:

Guide to Terminology and Definitions



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Illustrative Process Guide



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Proponents' Guide



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Intervenor's Guide



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Authorizing Agencies' Guide



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Coordinated Process Guides

The NIRB and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) have a public guide in place which describes the coordinated process that can be requested for the consideration of NWB Type "A" Water Licence Applications associated with major development projects under Review by the NIRB. The Detailed Coordinated Process Framework allows for a shortened NWB water licensing process to follow the NIRB impact assessment process, through running both processes concurrently.

Download NIRB/NWB Coordinated Process Framework Guide

These guides reflect the updated impact assessment process under the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA) which came into force on July 9, 2015.





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Guides

Legislation

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External Reports

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How do I find out what out for Comment?

The NIRB's website does well at this!

NEW DOCUMENTS			
Date Submitted	Project	Documents	
2026-04-15	18EN026 Ege Bay Exploration Program	1	
2026-04-15	12MN036 12MN036 Back River Project Energy Centre	9	
2026-04-15	26YN021 Vermont State University	3	
2026-04-15	11MN034 Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment, Rankin Inlet, Meliadine Gold Mine, Nunavut	1	
2026-04-15	26EN006 Victory Lake	8	
2026-04-14	11MN034 Saline Effluent Discharge to Marine Environment, Rankin Inlet, Meliadine Gold Mine, Nunavut	13	
2026-04-14	26EN012 Cache Zone 2026	1	
2026-04-14	12MN036 12MN036 Back River Project Energy Centre	2	
2026-04-14	24YN007 Seabird Surveys and Monitoring of Vessel Traffic within Akpait and Qaqqulluit National Wildlife Areas	1	
2026-04-14	25YN053 Movement and genetics of whales in the Canadian Arctic using satellite telemetry, tissue biopsies	1	

EVENTS CALENDAR

May 7 2026

Workshops

May 7-NIRB hosting online Regulator training session for Monitoring from 1:30-2:30 MST

April 16 2026

Workshops

April 16-NIRB hosting an online Regulator training session for Impact Assessment from 1:30-2:30 MST

March 30 2026

Review

NIRB 24XN038: Grays Bay Road and Port - Impact Statement expected week of April 13th from WKR, NIRB conformity check period begins

February 16 2026

Technical Comments

Comment on proposed NIRB-DFO Exemption Agreement by June 16, 2026 (see Correspondence folder below)

January 30 2026

Review

NIRB 24XN038: NIRB issues scope and IS Guidelines for Review of WKR's Grays Bay proposal

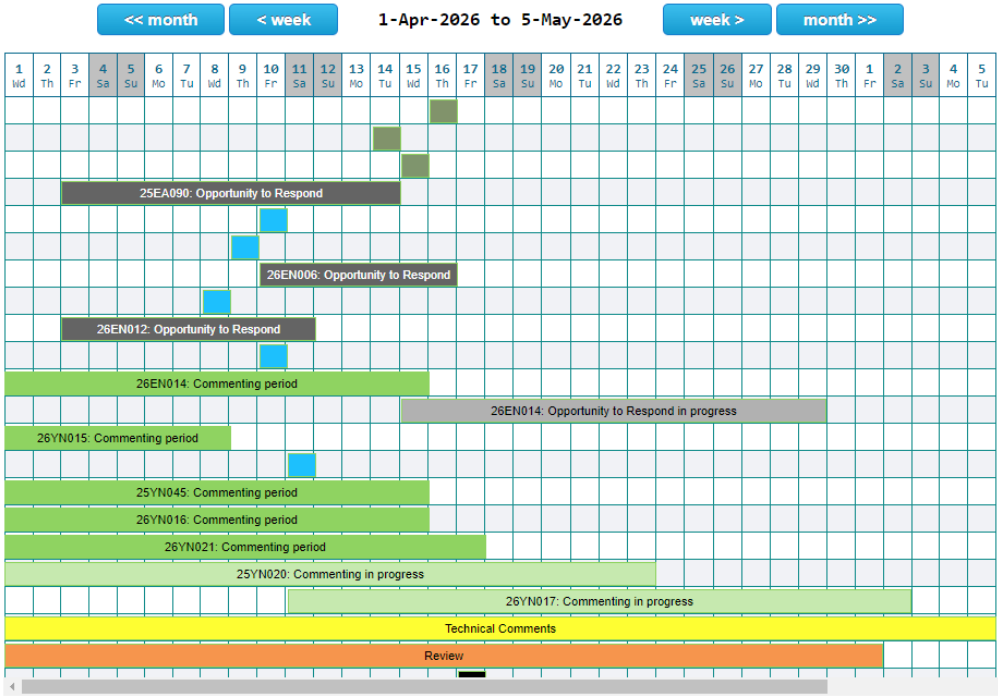
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Christmas Holidays

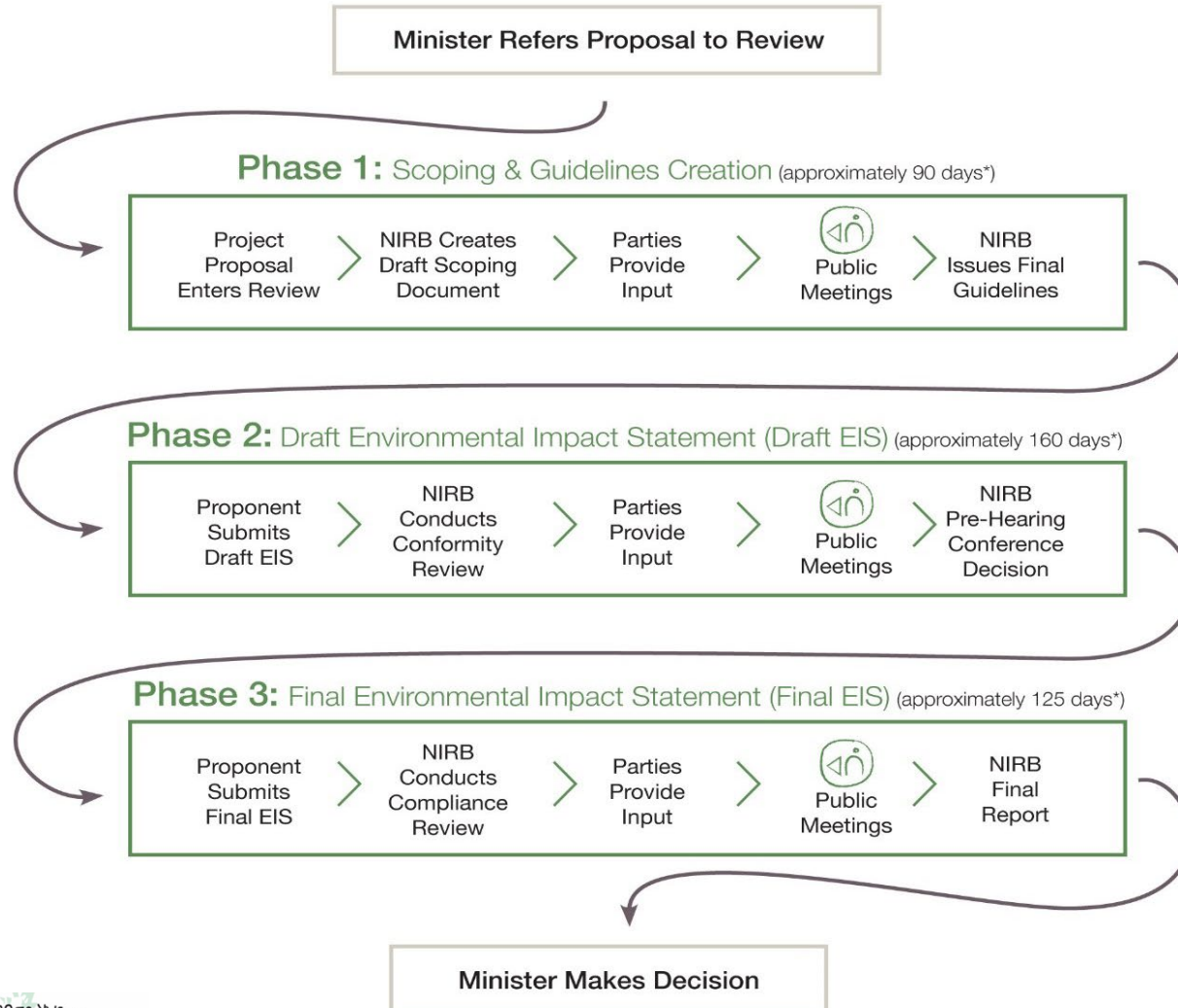
NIRB office on minimum staffing period

[Open NIRB Calendar](#)

NIRB Events Calendar



The Review Process – Coordination by all Parties



- ✓ Community updates, Technical Meetings, and Hearings are held in the communities most directly affected by a development
- ✓ Clear direction from Ministers on engagement of parties
- ✓ Costs and budgets prepared in advance
- ✓ Participant funding options are being encouraged
- ✓ Legal counsels are prepared for working in Nunavut framework

The Review Process

Scoping Sessions

Informal sessions in affected communities to solicit comments from the proponent, intervenors, community members and interested members of the public about the proposal

Project Specific Impact Statement or Impact Statement Guidelines Review

Informal sessions in affected communities to review and solicit input on the draft project-specific Impact Statement Guidelines

Impact Statement Guideline Development Workshop

The conclusions reached through this workshop inform the draft Impact Statement Submission

Community Information Sessions

Informal sessions in affected communities to provide information to communities, encourage public engagement in proceedings, and solicit comments from the public

Technical Meeting

Meeting of technical experts to review and resolve outstanding technical issues and to identify any supplementary information required to address outstanding issues

Pre-Hearing Conference

Pre-Hearing Conference with the proponent, intervenors, community representatives and/or members of the public to assess whether the project proposal can move forward into the public hearing stage

Final Hearings*

Community Roundtable Session

To further community engagement, the Board may conduct a community roundtable session during the Pre-Hearing Conference or Final Hearings stages of the Board's process

Final Hearings Conducted in Communities

Final Hearings (in-person) conducted in the community consist of both a formal, technical component and a less formal community component (i.e. a community roundtable).

* Public Hearing is term used in Reconsiderations

Nunavut Impact Assessment

An Impact Assessment is used to identify the environmental, social and economic impacts of a project. Key questions include:

Environmental Impacts

- What are the possible environmental impacts of a proposed project on the land, wildlife, water and air?
- What are the consequences of these impacts on the environment?

Social Impacts

- How will a proposed project affect the public, their families, and their communities?
- What are the expected positive and negative social impacts of a project?
- How can the positive impact be assured, and the negative impact be limited?

Economic Impacts

- What needs to happen to make sure Nunavummiut are able to participate in new economic opportunities?
- What are possible negative economic impacts of a project, and how can they be limited?
- What good could come from the project?

Public Engagement & Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit



In-person meetings are scheduled in potentially-affected communities at various stages in the assessment of a proposed project



Information is shared and community members provide their questions and comments directly



Public engagement is an iterative process



Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit assists greatly in making impact predictions, particularly where scientific baseline may be lacking



What to think about during NIRB Reviews

- A Project Certificate allows Regulatory Authorities and the NIRB to revisit the impact predictions and proposed mitigation measures from the initial Impact Assessment and any Impact Statement Addenda to answer whether the assessment of impacts really “got it right” and if not, to trigger revisiting how to “get it right” as the Project is implemented. However, it should be emphasised that because the terms and conditions are issued at the assessment stage of project development, they are drafted at a different level of detail, prescription, and specificity than subsequent licences and permits.

Socio-Economics & the NIRB

- It should also be noted that for economic benefits, the NIRB's jurisdiction for such terms and conditions is limited by both the *Nunavut Agreement* and *NuPPAA*, which states that: “*The NIRB shall not include the establishment of requirements for socioeconomic benefits*” which means unless there is a link made between an ecosystemic effect and a resulting socio-economic effect, the NIRB's recommended socio-economic terms and conditions are recommendations only, and do not establish requirements for socio-economic benefits.

NIRB Updates

- 24XN038- Grays Bay
 - Information Requests-June 19, 2026
- 26UN010-Iqaluit Nukkiksautiit Project
 - Nunavut Nukkiksautiit Corporation
 - Working together on complete application



Review Questions?

