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**NPC File No.151273**

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Dear Calvin Ehaloak, Mosha Cote, Cory Baker, and Ji Young Jung:

**RE: NPC File # 151273 [Atmospheric Sciences and Terrestrial Ecosystem Studies in Victoria Island]**

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

1. **Primary Land Use:** Scientific Research
2. **Project summary description:** This project investigates how climate change alters Canadian High Arctic permafrost ecosystems, focusing on greenhouse gas emissions, black carbon's role in snowmelt, and impacts on plants, microbes, and soils to better predict future climate–ecosystem feedback.
3. **Summary of modifications:** The amendment extends operations to 31 December 2029 and adds a small year-round weather station beside KOPRI's tower near Cambridge Bay. The new station, serviced once or twice annually by 2–3 Laval University team members, will measure additional variables on wind-driven snow transport.
4. **Associated NPC File No:** 149491; **Related NIRB File No:** 12YN024.
5. **Location:** Kitikmeot Region; [near Cambridge Bay]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. The NPC has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan, and the works and activities listed above were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 12YN024).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the continuation of the research and inclusion of an additional meteorological station does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the *Nunavut Agreement* do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=151273>

This decision 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.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 447-4563.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'SA', with a horizontal line extending from the 'A'.

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**Jurisdictional Note:**

*This conformity determination applies only to the components of the proposed project located within the Nunavut Settlement Area and under the Nunavut Planning Commission's statutory jurisdiction as defined in the Nunavut Agreement and the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA). Activities outside the NPC's jurisdiction remain subject to the review and regulatory processes of the relevant authorities. Proponents are responsible for identifying, contacting, and obtaining all required approvals from the appropriate regulators in every applicable jurisdiction to ensure compliance with all legislation, policies, and licensing requirements.*