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Dear Calvin Ehaloak, Tracey McCaie, Mosha Cote, Jared Ottenhof, and Christopher Omelon:

RE: NPC File # 151271 [Impacts of Climate Change on Permafrost, Ice, and Hydrology in the Canadian High Arctic]

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

1. **Primary Land Use:** Scientific Research
2. **Project summary description:** Conduct scientific research on the impact of climate change on polar landscapes with a focus on permafrost, ground ice, glaciers and groundwater.
3. **Summary of modifications:** Add a field site on Cornwallis Island to document relationships between soil properties, vegetation, and greenhouse gas emissions.
4. **Associated NPC File No:** 148330, 148555; 148822, 149686 and 150281; **NIRB File No.:** 07YN019.
5. **Location:** North Baffin Region [Axel Heiberg Island, North of Grise Fiord]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal and conformity determination was most recently issued on March 11, 2024, which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File No.: 07YN019). It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

This project proposal is exempt from the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA)* under section 235 of that Act. The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the inclusion of an additional field site 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, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=151271>

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the *Nunavut Agreement* to implement any of the applicable conformity requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 447-4563.

Sincerely,



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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.