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Notes:

The abbreviations “the NIRB” and “the Board” are used interchangeably throughout this document with reference to the Nunavut Impact Review Board.

Disclaimers:

This Guide is provided as a convenient reference to describe the NIRB’s impact assessment processes in a visual format. Parties reviewing this Guide are reminded that the legal responsibilities of all participants in the NIRB’s processes are as established under the *Nunavut Agreement*, applicable legislation and any relevant project-specific direction issued by any authorities with jurisdiction over that project. All parties are independently responsible for ensuring they comply with the applicable legal responsibilities imposed under these provisions. To the extent that this Guide or any steps outlined within it are inconsistent or in conflict with the applicable legal requirements, the obligations as set out in the *Nunavut Agreement*, relevant legislation and project-specific guidance govern.

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1.0 HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This Guide is intended to accompany the NIRB's series of Technical Guides for Proponents, Authorizing Agencies, and Intervenor, and to provide a general reference for the NIRB's assessment processes, regardless of the nature and type of project proposal. The Guide illustrates the general regulatory requirements and processes associated with project assessments conducted by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) under the provisions of Article 12 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), including the screening process, the environmental review process and potential project monitoring that may be required.

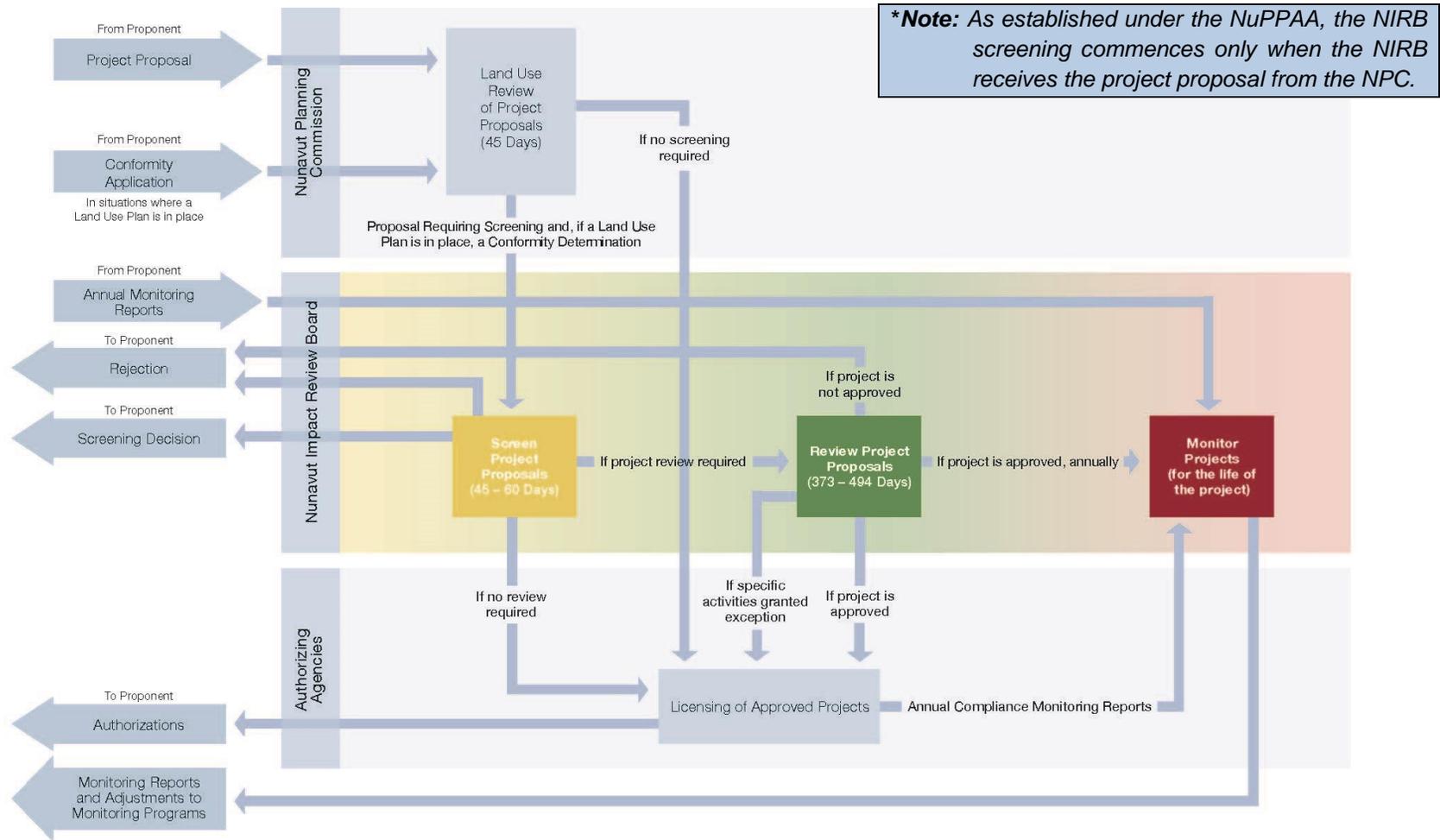
This Guide is organized by stage in the impact assessment process from project inception through to eventual project monitoring. This Guide depicts stages that are relevant for Proponents, Regulatory Authorities (as defined under the *NuPPAA*), Authorizing Agencies (as defined by the NIRB in the Authorizing Agencies' Guide), Intervenor (as defined by the NIRB in the Intervenor's Guide to the NIRB), and general members of the public. The Board's additional separate Guides (that provide in-depth discussions of the roles of Authorizing Agencies, Intervenor and/or members of the public) provide additional and specific information regarding each of the processes outlined within this Guide.

All parties are advised that this Guide is intended as a general reference only, and the Board may, in any given case, diverge from the general processes described in the Guide to better reflect project-specific circumstances.¹

¹ Note that the NIRB will provide sufficient notification and justification of its course of action, should it diverge from established and published processes.

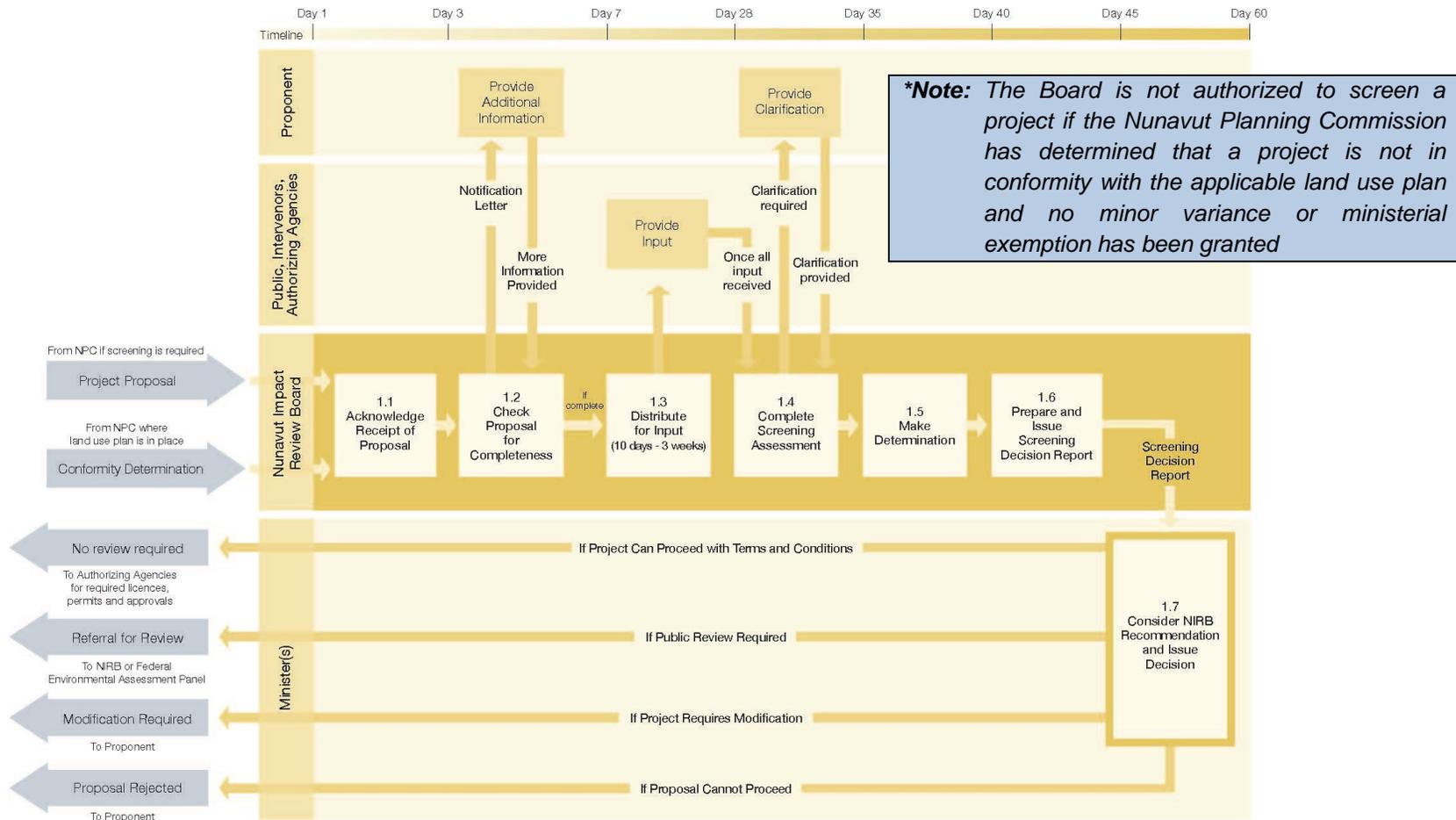
2.0 INTEGRATED PROCESS OVERVIEW

Figure 1. Nunavut Integrated Regulatory Process: Roles and Activities



3.0 NIRB SCREENING PROCESS

Figure 2. NIRB Screening Process (45 - 60 days)



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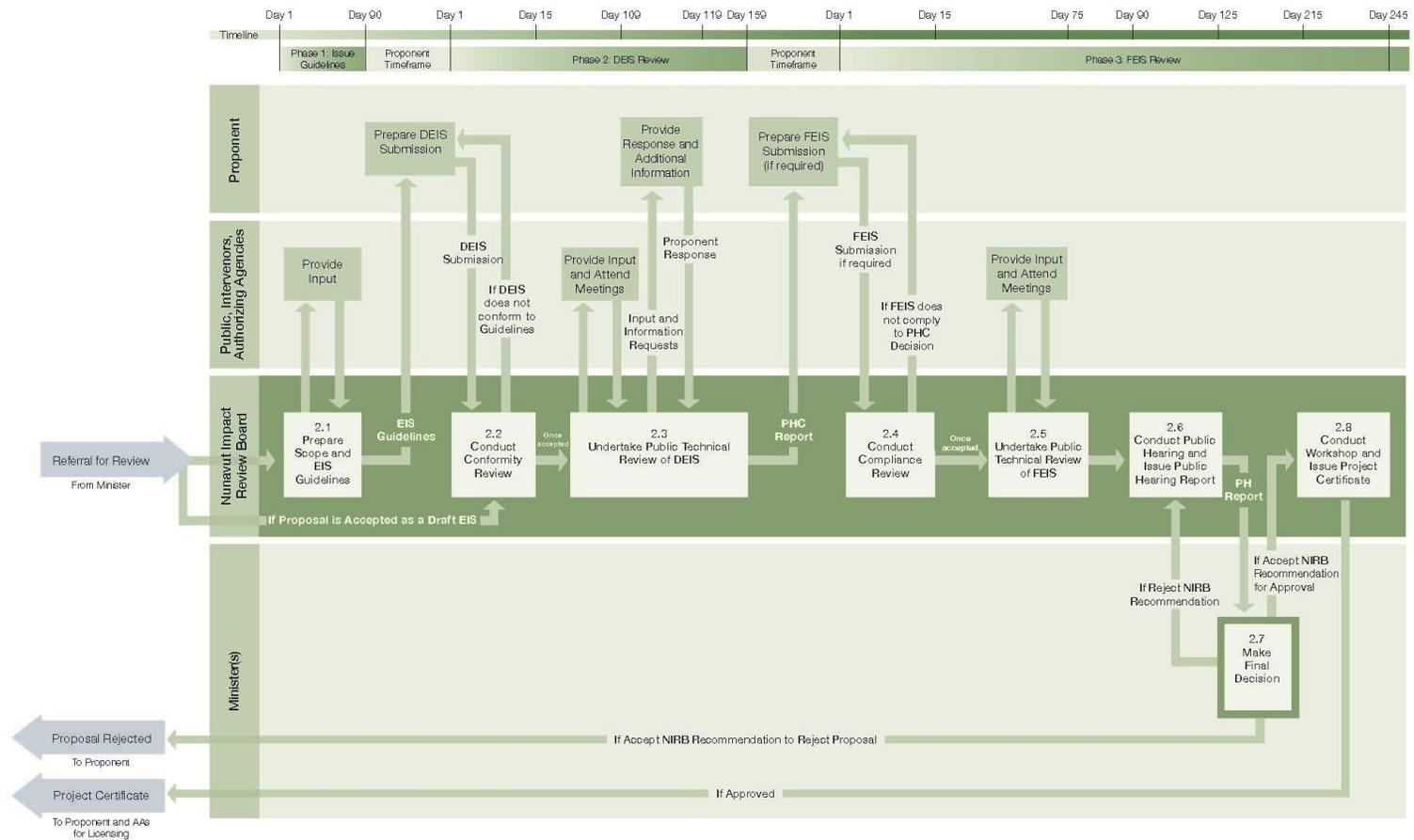
- NIRB – Nunavut Impact Review Board
- NPC – Nunavut Planning Commission

Note:

All documents referenced are publically available through the Nunavut Impact Review Board's online public registry at www.nirb.ca.

4.0 NIRB REVIEW PROCESS

Figure 3. NIRB Review Process (373 – 494 days plus Proponent timeframes)



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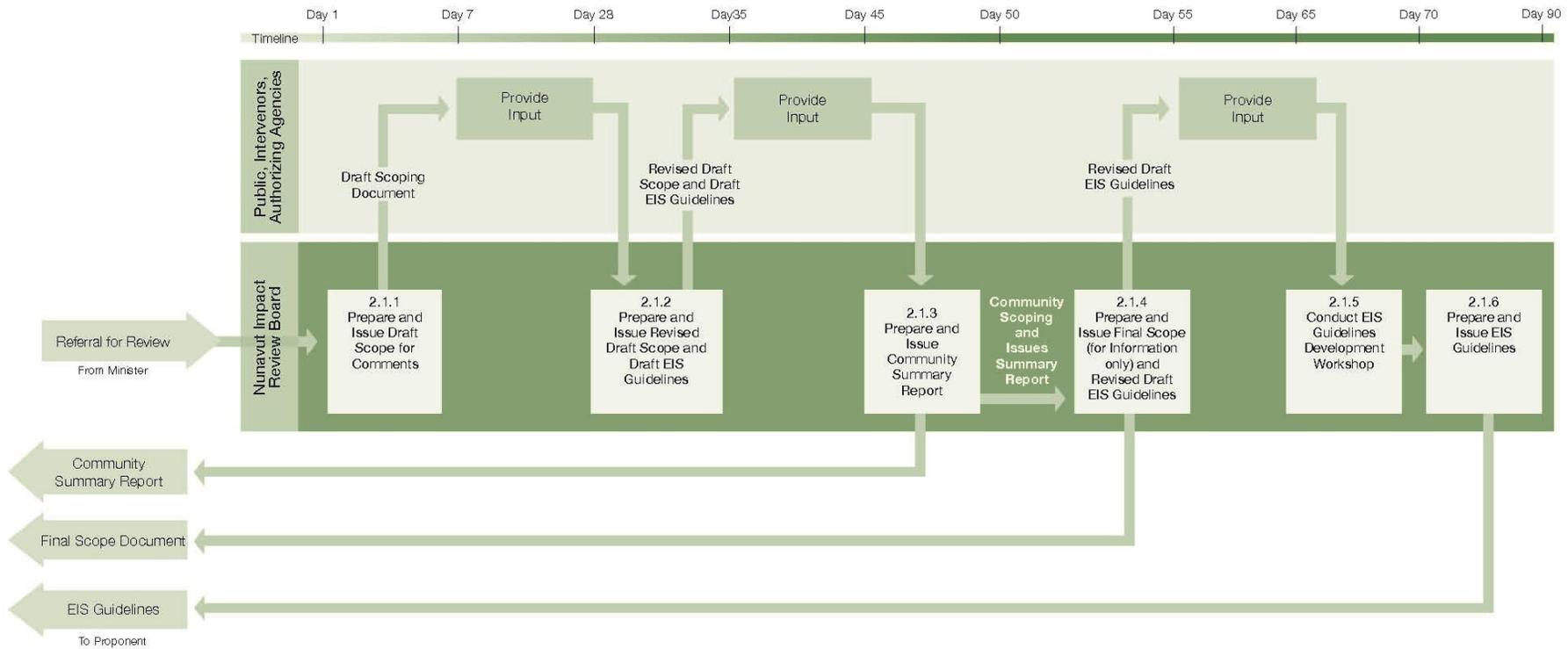
AA - Authorizing Agencies DEIS - Draft Environmental Impact Statement NIRB - Nunavut Impact Review Board PH - Public Hearing
 EIS - Environmental Impact Statement FEIS - Final Environmental Impact Statement PHC - Pre-Hearing Conference

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***Note:** *Based on the nature of the project and range of impacts, the NIRB may choose to conduct the Final Hearing as a written hearing, oral hearing or in such other form as the NIRB deems appropriate. The Board generally communicates its choice of the type and location of the Final Hearing in the Board's Public Notice of Hearing which is issued at least 60 days prior to the Final Hearing.*

Figure 3.1 Preparation of Scope and EIS Guidelines (90 days)



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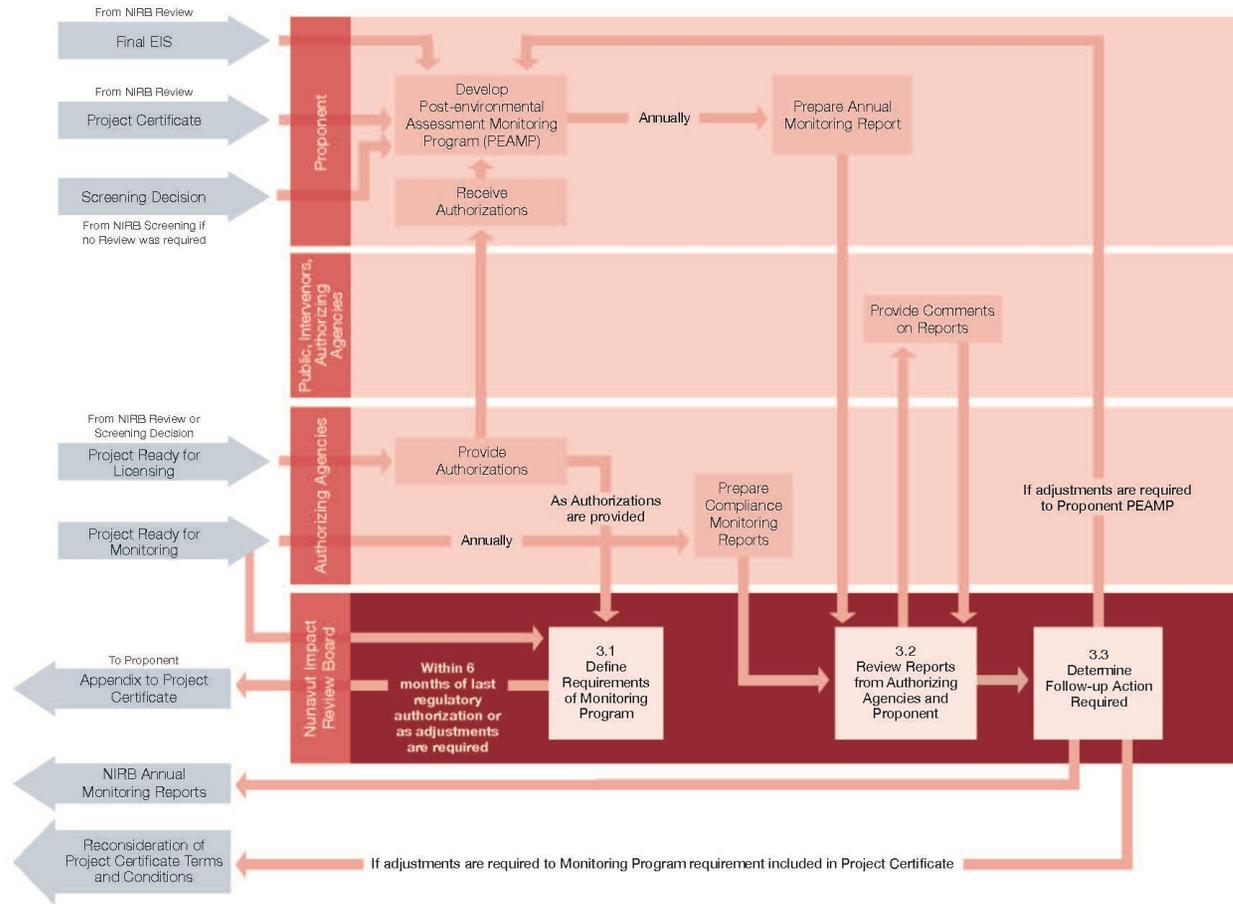
EIS – Environmental Impact Statement

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5.0 NIRB PROJECT MONITORING

Figure 4. NIRB Project Monitoring



Acronyms:

- EIS – Environmental Impact Statement
- NIRB – Nunavut Impact Review Board
- PEAMP – Post-environmental Assessment Monitoring Program

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