



**NIRB File No.: 08DN081**  
**AANDC File No.: N2008X0037**

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**Re: Application Exempt from the Requirement for Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA: Defence Construction Canada's "PIN-2, Cape Young DEW Line Site Clean-up and Remediation" project, Kitikmeot Region**

Dear Jeff Mercer:

On January 15, 2014 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) for an extension to the Land Use Permit (No. N2008X0037) associated with Defence Construction Canada's (DCC) "PIN-2, Cape Young DEW Line Site Clean-up and Remediation" (the Project) project proposal.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 08DN081) was received by the NIRB from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC; now AANDC) on November 5, 2008 and was screened by the Board in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On December 18, 2008 the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of AANDC indicating the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

Additional authorization requests associated with the "PIN-2, Cape Young DEW Line Site Clean-up and Remediation" project have also been reviewed by the NIRB following screening of the original project proposal. In each instance the NIRB confirmed that the applications were exempt from the requirement for further screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and that the activities therein remained subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the original December 18, 2008 Screening Decision Report. A summary of the additional applications associated with NIRB File No. 08DN081 is presented in Table 1.

**Table 1: Additional applications associated with NIRB File No. 08DN081**

Authorization	Application			NIRB Decision	
	Date Received by NIRB	Type	Reason for Application	Date Issued	Type
AANDC Land Use Permit (N2008X0037)	January 6, 2011	Extension	To continue remediation activities and final closure	January 13, 2011	(reissued December 18, 2008 SDR)
AANDC Quarry Permit (2011QP0003-2011QP0008)	January 17, 2011	Amendment	To permit quarry development	January 20, 2011	(reissued December 18, 2008 SDR)
AANDC Quarry Permit (2011QP0003-2011QP0008)	July 6, 2011	Amendment	To authorize an additional borrow source	July 8, 2011	(reissued December 8, 2011 SDR)
AANDC Land Use Permit (N2008X0037)	November 6, 2012	Extension	To allow additional time for removal of PCB materials	November 27, 2012	(reissued December 8, 2011 SDR)

Notes: AANDC= Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada); NIRB= Nunavut Impact Review Board; SDR= Screening Decision Report

The current AANDC application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report (File No. 08DN081) and related file information are available from the NIRB's online public registry at the following location:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2008/08DN081-DCC%20-%20PIN-2/>.

#### PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 08DN081), the "PIN-2, Cape Young DEW Line Site Clean-up and Remediation" project was located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 150 kilometres (km) northwest of Kugluktuk. The Proponent indicated that it intended to clean-up and remediate the former Cape Young Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line site.

The activities/components associated with the original proposal included:

- Demolition of existing facilities;
- Remediation of existing landfills;
- Construction of two new landfills;
- Excavation of contaminated soils;
- Removal of surface debris;
- Grading and restoration of land surfaces;
  
- Installation of a construction camp to accommodate up to 60 people
  - Average of 50 people on site at one time
  - Peak number of people on site from mid-July to late August

- Use of existing airstrip and roads for equipment transport, movement and access to work areas;
- Quarrying;
- Use of heavy machinery (excavators, tractors, loaders, etc.);
- Storage and offsite disposal of hazardous contaminated soils and hazardous waste;
- Construction of Tier II soil disposal facility; and
- Site monitoring following remediation.

Activities/components associated with the January 11, 2011 extension request and January 17, 2011 quarry application for the Project included:

- Final closure of the site;
- Capping of the non-hazardous waste landfill and tier II soil disposal facility;
- Reshape borrow areas;
- Complete closure of the sewage lagoon; and
- Excavation of the last area of contaminated soil.

On July 6, 2011 DCC also requested authorization for an additional borrow source under its existing quarry permit, in association with the previously issued AANDC Land Use Permit (No. N2008X0037). The application requested the addition of a borrow area to access granular material needed to complete remediation work. At that time, DCC also requested an extension to its Land Use Permit (No. N2008X0037) for an additional year to complete the Project.

On November 6, 2012 DCC requested an additional one year extension to its Land Use Permit (No. N2008X0037) in order to remove PCB materials which had been stored on-site. DCC indicated at that time that it had planned to remove the PCB materials in 2013 and would then complete the remediation of the Cape Young DEW Line site.

#### CURRENT APPLICATION:

DCC is currently requesting an additional one year extension to its Land Use Permit (No. N2008X0037) in order to remove PCB materials which are being stored on-site at a registered temporary storage area. DCC has indicated that it now plans to remove the PCB materials in 2014 and to complete the remediation of the Cape Young DEW Line site.

Please note that Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA states that:

*“Any application for a component or activity of a project proposal that has been permitted to proceed in accordance with these provisions shall be exempt from the requirement for screening by NIRB unless:*

*(a) such component or activity was not part of the original project proposal; or*

*(b) its inclusion would significantly modify the project.”*

After completing a review of the information provided in support of the current application, the NIRB is of the understanding that the proposed extension does not change the general scope of

the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in NLCA 12.4.3(a) and (b) do not apply. this application is exempt from the requirement for screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remain subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the original December 18, 2008 Screening Decision Report (enclosed). If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact Kelli Gillard, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4619 or [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 08DN081 (December 18, 2008)