



NIRB File No. 12XN033
NWB File No. 1BR-CIL----

July 12, 2012

The Honourable John Duncan
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
Executive Offices
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Gatineau, QC K1A 0H4

Via email: Duncan.j@parl.gc.ca and minister@aandc.gc.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services’ “Chesterfield Inlet Fuel Storage Facility Upgrade-Landfarm” Project Proposal

Dear Mr. John Duncan:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5(b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above (NWB File No. 1BR-CIL----).

On May 11, 2012 the NIRB received Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services’ (GN-CGS) “Chesterfield Fuel Storage Facility Upgrade – Landfarm” project proposal from GN-CGS. On May 24, 2012 the NIRB received a screening referral from the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) and on June 8, 2012 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for this file. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 12XN033 and commenced Screening pursuant to NLCA Article 12 Part 4.

As you are aware, the NIRB will be facilitating the Final Hearing for its Review of Baffinland Iron Mine Corporation’s “Mary River Project” from July 16th to July 28th, 2012. During the time the Board is travelling and hosting the Final Hearing, the NIRB will be required to temporarily suspend its consideration of other files. Several of the NIRB’s staff members will remain in the office during the Final Hearing and will continue with the advancement of regular file administration, including receipt of new project proposals, maintenance of the Board’s online public registry, and regular communications with outside agencies, project proponents and the general public. Following July 31, the NIRB will endeavor to move forward on all open files as expeditiously as possible.

The NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision for the Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services’ (GN-CGS) “Chesterfield Fuel Storage Facility Upgrade – Landfarm” project within the 45 day time period as per Section 12.4.5 of the NLCA and

therefore requires additional time to screen the project proposal. It is anticipated that the screening process will be completed by **August 15, 2012**.

If this request is approved, NIRB understands that the authorizing agency will inform the Proponent, stakeholders and interested parties on the extension.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

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.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Arlen Foster, Stantec Architecture Ltd.
Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board
Malkiat Aulakh, Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services