



NIRB File No: 04DN001\_Amendment  
INAC Land Use No: N2008X0003  
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Via email: [Douglas.craig@dcc-cdc.gc.ca](mailto:Douglas.craig@dcc-cdc.gc.ca)

**Re: Application Acknowledgement for Defence Construction Canada's Amendment Request with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada for the Clean-up at the former DYE-M, Cape Dyer DEW Line Site**

Dear Douglas Craig:

On June 25, 2008, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for an amendment to Defence Construction Canada's (DCC) Clean-up at the former DYE-M, Cape Dyer DEW Line Site Cape Dyer project.

The original application for the above project was received by the NIRB on December 29, 2003 from INAC for the screening of land use and quarry permits at Cape Dyer on Baffin Island (INAC LUP N2003X00039, and quarry permits #2005XP0045 – 2005QP0055). The project proposal was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On February 25, 2004 the NIRB issued a 12.4.4(a) screening decision to INAC allowing the proposed project to proceed subject to recommended project-specific terms and conditions. Project components/activities included the following:

- Demolition and removal of the remaining facilities not required for the operation of the North Warning System
- Disposal of contaminated soils in engineered landfill facilities
- Removal of hazardous materials
- Remediation of existing landfills
- Removal of surface debris
- Demobilization of the contractors' camp and equipment

On February 4, 2008 the NIRB received a renewal request from INAC for the continuation of DCC's clean-up at the former Cape Dyer DEW Line Site (Land Use and Quarry permits). In addition to the previously permitted activities, DCC applied for a new quarry permit for one new borrow location that was not included in the original project proposal. The project proposal including the new borrow location was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the NLCA, and on March 11, 2008, the NIRB re-issued the recommended terms and conditions contained in the February 25, 2004 Screening Decision, along with additional terms and conditions as outlined in the March 11, 2008 letter to INAC.

Currently, DCC is seeking permission to use the upper site abandoned airstrip at Cape Dyer DEW line site for a temporary laydown area for excavated soils. The soil will be temporarily stored at the site until they are tested and transferred to the appropriate landfill on-site.

The NIRB is of the opinion that the request for the amendment does not *significantly* change the general scope of the original project activities. Therefore the NIRB is *proposing* to re-issue the same terms and conditions as those in the attached March 11, 2008 letter, along with any new terms and conditions the NIRB feels are appropriate. The NIRB is copying interested Parties and municipalities most affected by this project and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **July 25, 2008**.

The INAC application and the original NIRB screening file, 04DN011 are available from NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

[http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/2008\\_AMENDMENTS\\_RENEWALS/04DN001-DYE-M%20-%20Cape%20Dyer/](http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/2008_AMENDMENTS_RENEWALS/04DN001-DYE-M%20-%20Cape%20Dyer/)

The NIRB would like Parties to provide comments regarding:

- whether the proposed component or activity was a part of the original proposal;
- whether its inclusion would significantly modify the project;
- any additional mitigation measures that are appropriate; and
- any other matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments to the attention of the NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration Leslie Payette at [lpayette@nirb.ca](mailto:lpayette@nirb.ca) or via fax to **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the NIRB's Technical Advisor Sophia Granchinho at [sgranchinho@nirb.ca](mailto:sgranchinho@nirb.ca) or by phone at 867-983-4607.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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Attachment: Additional Terms and Conditions for NIRB File No.: 04DN001 (March 11, 2008)  
NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 04DN001 (February 25, 2004)