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INAC File No.: 2005X0009

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Re: Application Acknowledgement for DIAND - Contaminated Sites' Amendment Request for the "FOX-C, Site Clean Up" Project

Dear Ms. Natalie Plato:

On April 1, 2008, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for an amendment to the Department of Indian and Northern Development (DIAND) - Contaminated Sites' *FOX-C, Site Clean Up* Project.

The original application for this multi-year site clean up project was received by the NIRB in March 2005, and was assigned NIRB file number **05DN053**. The project proposal was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On June 28, 2005 NIRB issued a Screening Decision Report (attached) to INAC allowing the proposed project to proceed subject to project-specific recommended Terms and Conditions.

On June 22, 2007, the NIRB received an amendment request to add three quarry sites for this project from INAC. Further, on October 1, 2007 the NIRB received an extension request from INAC for this project proposing to extend the permit from July 19, 2008 to July 19, 2009 from INAC. The NIRB screened the amendment and extension requests respectively, and re-issued the terms and conditions contained within the NIRB Screening Decision Report (June 28, 2005).

In the current amendment application, DIAND – Contaminated Sites is proposing the following amended activities for the 2008 and 2009 field seasons:

- **Treatment of hydrocarbon contaminated soil (Water Lake Area):** To treat the soil to the same criteria using the same combination of bioremediation and aeration, but to conduct the process in-situ rather than removing the soil and placing it in the land farm at a different location.
- **Excavation of Lobe B:** In order to expedite the excavation process, a certified explosives contractor will strategically place some charges to loosen up the material rather than use heavy equipment, which has proven to have limited success during operation.
- **Main Landfill:** Cover the Main Landfill by having a certified explosive contractor strategically place charges in the surrounding slope so that the loosened matter will fall on the Main Landfill, rather than excavating granular materials from a borrow source and transporting to the Main Landfill.

All materials relating to the original NIRB screening file and amendment request for this file are available from NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2005_SCREENINGS/05DN053-%20FOX-C/I-SCREENING/ including:

- *Amendment Request From INAC*
- *INAC Amendment Letter to NIRB*
- *Appendix A (Part 1 and Part 2)*
- *Appendix B*
- *Appendix C*

NIRB is copying interested Parties and municipalities most affected by the project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties and persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **April 28, 2008**.

The NIRB would like Parties and interested persons to provide comments regarding:

- whether its inclusions 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 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 Li Wan, at liwan@nirb.ca or by phone **(867) 983-4606**.

Sincerely,



Li Wan
Technical Advisor
Nunavut Impact Review Board

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Attachments: NIRB Screening Decision Report dated June 28, 2005