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**Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada's "FOX-D Site Remediation" project proposal**

Dear Mark Yetman:

On October 13, 2015 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada's (AANDC) "FOX-D Site Remediation" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). On October 16, 2015 the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by November 6, 2015.

On or before November 6, 2015 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC)
- Environment Canada (EC)
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)
- Transport Canada (TC)

All comment submissions received by the NIRB relating to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's online registry at the following location: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/15DN048-AANDC-FOX-D%20Remediation/02-DISTRIBUTION/COMMENTS/>.

A *summary* of the public concerns reflected in the comment submissions relate to the following:

- The project's potential overlap with migratory bird habitats and habitats for wildlife identified in the *Species at Risk Act* and associated operational recommendations pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act 1999*, the pollution prevention

provisions of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994* and the *Species at Risk Act*;

- Potential impacts to nearby water bodies from quarrying activities and operational guidelines required by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada's "Northern Land Use Guidelines: Pits and Quarries" proponent guidance document;
- Request for the submission of a Notice to the Minister (of Transport) for the barge landing with respect to the *Navigation Protection Act*; and
- Request for additional information regarding the origin, registration and type of marine vessels to be used for project activities as well as anticipated sail plan(s).

The NIRB would like to provide AANDC with an opportunity to address the comments noted above prior to the Board rendering its determination for this screening assessment and issuing its subsequent Screening Decision Report to the responsible Minister(s). The NIRB respectfully requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **November 23, 2015**.

If AANDC determines that the time required to supply a written response is significantly greater than 2 weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4615 or [dstpierre@nirb.ca](mailto:dstpierre@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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