

- Potential impact to groundwater due to discharge of untreated mine water into the underground adits
- Clarification required for the preferred option of disposing of contaminated soils
- Lack of information in the Remedial Action Plan, such as concentrations of PCB concentrations in equipment found on site, and confirmation that the 2 m cap planned for the tailings pond takes into consideration the climate change predictions
- Lack of information on how TSS will be managed during excavation of waste rock from above the high tide mark
- Lack of information regarding the security of the hazardous material that will be left at Ida Bay barge landing site until shipment to Hay River
- Lack of project proposal information, such as discharge criteria for the sewage lagoon to be constructed at site
- Potential serious impacts to human and wildlife health through the inhalation of the burning of waste products
- Potential bioaccumulation of deposited air contaminants to the land and water from burning of waste products
- Lack of information in the Waste Management Plan, such as purchasing policies that focus on reduced packaging; use of proper incineration devices
- Potential impacts to common eiders, migratory birds and nesting season
- Potential impacts to wildlife
- Potential grizzly bear, wolverine, wolves and fox encounters resulting in injury or death to either animal or human(s)
- Lack of information in the Spill Contingency Plan

Due to these concerns, NIRB would like to provide the Proponent with an opportunity to address **all** the comments before proceeding with the next steps of the screening process. NIRB requests that a response to be provided to both NIRB and the interested Parties by **March 12, 2007**. After this date, NIRB may continue with its Part 4 screening process.

All responses should be directed to NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration, Leslie Payette at lpayette@nirb.nunavut.ca.

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