



March 7, 2013

Dr. Marie-Claude Williamson
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Via email: mwilliamson@NRCan.gc.ca

Re: Application Pending NPC Conformity Determination for Natural Resources Canada's "Environmental Mineralogy and Geochemistry" Project Proposal

Dear Dr. Marie-Claude Williamson:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Natural Resources Canada's (NRCan) "Environmental Mineralogy and Geochemistry" project proposal from Nunavut Research Institute (NRI) on March 6, 2013. The project proposal submission included the following documents:

- *Nunavut Research Institute Scientific Research Licence Application*
- *Non Technical Summary in English*
- *Non Technical Summary in Inuktitut*
- *Map of Study Area*

Your project appears to be located in an area which requires conformity to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan, pursuant to Article 11 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). Please be advised that Proponents are required to submit their project proposals directly to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for a conformity determination. For further information, please contact NPC's Director Regional Planning, Brian Aglukark, at (867) 857-2242 or via email at aglukark@nunavut.ca.

Once a positive conformity determination is made, the NPC will forward its determination and any associated recommendations to the NIRB for screening, if required.

The NIRB conducts screening (environmental impact assessment) of project proposals upon referral from Government departments/agencies and Regional Inuit Associations responsible for authorizing the proposed project works or activities. From the application materials received by the NIRB office, it is unclear whether the project activities occur on Crown or Inuit Owned Land. Please be advised that it is the Proponent's responsibility to apply for all authorizations and approvals required to carry out the proposed project works or activities.

Further, upon receipt of the required conformity determination, the NIRB will be undertaking a preliminary completeness check of your application. In order to ensure your application contains the minimum information required for the NIRB's screening, it is recommended that you submit the following, noting that the NIRB may request additional information at any point during the screening process:

- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English*

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact an environmental administrator at the NIRB at info@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Natasha Lear
Environmental Administration
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission
Christopher Tickner, Nunavut Planning Commission
Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board
Tracey McCaie, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
Bernie MacIsaac, Qikiqtani Inuit Association

Attachments: NIRB Part 1 form in English