



technical review of the DEIS and finalized by NIRB thereafter. Following the technical meeting MHBL will be required to address those issues decided upon by NIRB.

After hearing technical comments on the DEIS and a potential Pre-Hearing Conference, NIRB can accept the DEIS as a Final EIS if it deems this appropriate. This option might require MHBL to submit an addendum following the technical meeting and is contingent upon the standards with which the DEIS is prepared.

The Board will notify MHBL and the Parties of its decision on a Pre-Hearing Conference in due course (it is premature to do so now) and will set specific timelines as the process moves forward. Like everything else however, the timely execution of the process depends on the quality of the DEIS.

The Board's major objective in this review is to address the information deficiencies outlined in its previous decision and the Minister's letter. NIRB encourages dialogue between MHBL and Interveners to resolve additional information concerns which may arise, reserving the right for NIRB to make final decisions.

NIRB directs MHBL to contact the Parties to determine how many copies of the DEIS they will require. Local Hamlets should always be provided with a copy. For NIRB's purpose please send 3 hardcopies and 2 electronic copies to the footnoted address and contact NIRB's Executive Director, Stephanie Briscoe (867-983-4603), for a list of Board members.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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