



Dear Mr. Barry:

RE: Distribution of the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Kiggavik Project

AREVA Resources Canada Inc. (AREVA) submitted the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) with an electronic copy on September 30, 2014, and a hard copy on October 1, 2014, of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) of its proposed Kiggavik Project (Project). This submission commenced NIRB's internal review of the FEIS for compliance with the EIS guidelines issued May 2013, along with the requirements and expectations expressed by NIRB through the Preliminary Hearing Conference (PHC) Decision provided on July 5, 2013. In response to the positive conformity determination announced by NIRB on October 16, 2014, AREVA has commenced distribution of the submission to the public.

We believe that the FEIS demonstrates ᐱᑕᓃᓂᔭᓄᓪᓇᓂᓪᓗᖅ, that is, respect and care for the land, animals and the environment in the design and implementation of resource development. Numerous improvements have been made during the preparation of the FEIS. The FEIS has enhanced the assessment of wildlife species, particularly caribou, and advanced the proposed management plans which describe the activities undertaken to mitigate potential Project effects. In this FEIS, AREVA has also integrated the information provided during *Information Request* and *Technical Comment* phases of the technical review and provided further analysis, assessment and revision to satisfy the consolidated commitments and requirements described in the PHC Decision.



In the time since the Pre-Hearing Conference, AREVA has continued its efforts to engage local stakeholders on the Project. Since June 2013, Kiggavik Project team members made visits to the seven Kivalliq Inuit communities and four northern Dené communities to engage local stakeholders in person with engagement events anticipated to promote informed and active community participation in the NIRB final hearing. Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ) workshops have been held in Baker Lake and Chesterfield Inlet in 2014 to inform and understand differences within IQ and between IQ and other scientific knowledge sources. AREVA has endeavored to sincerely integrate engagement, IQ, and Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK) information collected over the past ten years of project development into the FEIS. We highlight i) the caribou assessment figures that advance the simultaneous consideration of IQ and western science, ii) Inuit land use and values presented as context for the proposed Project, and iii) the use of the largest delineated caribou annual ranges for the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq caribou herds, informed by various knowledge sources including IQ and ATK from harvest communities, in the caribou cumulative effects assessment. These efforts have increased certainty in the assessment and conclusions that project, cumulative, and transboundary effects across the caribou ranges do not compromise caribou health, large-scale landscape use, or the continued use of caribou by harvest communities.

AREVA believes that this FEIS resolves or advances the resolution of outstanding issues and provides sufficient information to determine that the proposed Kiggavik Project will not cause significant adverse effects to the biophysical environment and that socio-economic effects will be overall significantly positive.

Please find enclosed the distribution list of all those receiving copies of the FEIS for the Kiggavik Project. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (306) 343-4042.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Diane Martens'.

Diane Martens
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