



Nunavut Impact Review Board

Update on the NIRB's Review of the Proposed Kiggavik Uranium Mine Project

June 2011

NIRB Review Recap:

AREVA Resources Canada Inc. is proposing to construct and operate the Kiggavik Project, a proposed uranium ore mine and mill facility in the Kivalliq Region, approximately 80 km west of Baker Lake.

- Jan. '11—NIRB receives public comments on *Revised Draft Scope* and *Draft EIS Guidelines*
- Feb. '11—NIRB releases *Final Scope* and *Revised Draft EIS Guidelines* for comments
- Mar. '11—NIRB receives public comments on *Revised Draft EIS Guidelines*
- Mar. '11—NIRB holds a uranium community information session in Baker Lake
- Mar. '11—NIRB hosts an EIS Guidelines Development Workshop in Baker Lake

**STAY TUNED FOR
ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT
UPCOMING
COMMUNITY VISITS**

**TELL US WHAT YOU THINK
ABOUT THE PROPOSED PROJECT!**



YOUR OPINION COUNTS!

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NIRB holds Community Information Session

During public scoping meetings held by the NIRB throughout the Kivalliq region in 2010 for the proposed 'Kiggavik' project, members of the public identified a need for accessible informational materials related to uranium mining and uranium issues. As part of its public awareness program for this review, the NIRB developed a series of public presentations and hosted a community information session in Baker Lake on March 21, 2011 to promote effective public participation in the NIRB review process. A copy of the presentation and associated materials is available on our website at <http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/09MN003-AREVA%20KIGGAVIK/2-REVIEW/05-COMMUNITY%20CONSULTATIONS/04-PRESENTATIONS/>

Future community information sessions are planned for the of this year for the other communities in the Kivalliq region.

NIRB holds EIS Guidelines Development Workshop

NIRB hosted an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines Development workshop in Baker Lake from March 22 to 24, 2011, as part of the NIRB's review of the 'Kiggavik' project proposal. The workshop brought together parties with jurisdictional authority over the proposed project and/or with technical expertise to assist the NIRB in finalizing the *Revised Draft Guidelines* for AREVA's preparation of the EIS for this review.

NIRB staff also lent assistance to the Inuit Language Authority which hosted a uranium terminology workshop in Baker Lake from March 21 to 25, 2011.

NIRB releases Final EIS Guidelines

In May 2011, the NIRB released the *Final EIS Guidelines* to AREVA for the preparation of an EIS. The Guidelines are a set of instructions given to the project proponent to describe the proposed project, and the potential impacts it could have on the land, the wildlife and the people surrounding the project.

In June, the NIRB received a letter from AREVA stating that a draft EIS for the Kiggavik project is anticipated to be submitted by the end of November. Once the NIRB receives the draft EIS, the next steps in the review process will include:

- Review the draft EIS to confirm all requested information is included (conformity review)
- Parties given 30 days to provide information requests (IRs)
- Community information sessions held
- Technical Review of draft EIS
- Technical meeting to go over any technical issues that came up during the review
- Pre-Hearing Conference

For more information on the *Final EIS Guidelines* released please contact the NIRB or visit our website!



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