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**Re: Receipt of AREVA Resources Canada Inc.'s Resubmission of the *Draft* Environmental Impact Statement for the NIRB's Review of the Kiggavik Project**

As you are aware, on January 3, 2012 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) formally acknowledged receipt of AREVA Resources Canada Inc.'s (AREVA) *Draft* Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) submission for the Kiggavik project (NIRB File No. 09MN003). The Board initiated an internal review of the DEIS to determine whether or not it conformed to the EIS Guidelines issued to AREVA on May 3, 2011. On January 18, 2012 the NIRB issued correspondence to AREVA which indicated that the DEIS did not conform to the NIRB's EIS Guidelines and requested that additional information be provided to address the deficiencies identified during the Board's conformity review. Please be advised that on April 25, 2012 the NIRB received AREVA's revised submission of the DEIS for the Kiggavik project.

Recognizing that the initial steps in the technical review period require the scheduling of community information sessions, in advance of determining the acceptability of the DEIS submission, the NIRB has tentatively scheduled community information sessions throughout the Kivalliq Region as follows:

May 22 & 23, 2012: Baker Lake  
May 24, 2012: Arviat  
May 25, 2012: Whale Cove  
May 26, 2012: Rankin Inlet  
May 28, 2012: Chesterfield Inlet  
May 29, 2012: Coral Harbour  
May 30, 2012: Repulse Bay

These community information sessions would be organized and facilitated by the NIRB staff to meet the objectives of the Board's public participation and awareness program as follows:

- Provide an overview of NIRB's environmental impact assessment process;
- Promote awareness of the Review process for the Kiggavik project proposal;
- Provide follow-up to previous NIRB scoping meetings and a discussion of the information presented in the DEIS submission; and
- Encourage effective public participation in the Board's Review of the Kiggavik project.

Please be advised that these community sessions will be held only if the NIRB's internal review of the DEIS submission results in a positive conformity determination and leads to the Board's acceptance of the DEIS. Should the DEIS be accepted by the NIRB, the Board would finalize its plans and issue further correspondence to this Distribution List.

The Board anticipates completing the internal conformity review and providing an indication as to the acceptability of AREVA's DEIS submission by **May 7, 2012**.

If you have any questions regarding the NIRB's Review of the Kiggavik project, please contact Sophia Granchinho, Technical Advisor, at (867) 793-4633 or [sgranchinho@nirb.ca](mailto:sgranchinho@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Kiggavik Distribution List