

The Technical Review Process

The technical review is meant to provide a detailed review of the DEIS, with the intent of analyzing the completeness and quality of the information presented by the Proponent in its DEIS. This next step in the NIRB's Review of the Kiggavik project and parties' review of the DEIS submission consists of the development of technical review comments which should include the following:

- Determination of whether Parties agree/disagree with the conclusions in the DEIS regarding the alternatives assessment, environmental impacts, proposed mitigation, significance of impacts, and monitoring measures – and reasons to support the determination;
- Determination of whether or not conclusions in the DEIS are supported by the analysis – and reasons to support the determination;
- Determination of whether appropriate methodology was utilized in the DEIS to develop conclusions – and reasons to support the determination, along with any proposed alternative methodologies which may be more appropriate (if applicable);
- Assessment of the quality and presentation of the information in the DEIS; and
- Any comments regarding additional information which would be useful in assessing impacts – and reasons to support any comments made.

The development of technical review comments involves parties' formulation of Information Requests (IRs) that are based upon their review of the DEIS and the subsequent identification of any gaps or areas of uncertainty which must be addressed.

Call for Information Requests

To facilitate the development of technical review comments by parties, the NIRB is now inviting interested parties to provide the NIRB with Information Requests (IRs) directed to the Proponent and/or other parties regarding the Kiggavik DEIS. IRs are not technical review comments, but rather are meant to identify information gaps within the DEIS that need to be addressed so that parties can develop their respective technical review comments. IRs must contain the following information:

- To whom the IR is directed;
- Identification of the issue;
- The concern associated with the issue;
- A clear rationale of the issue's importance to the impact assessment of the proposed project; and,
- A clear reference to the volume, document, section, and/or page number in the DEIS where relevant information may be found, if applicable.

The NIRB is providing the enclosed updated process map that outlines the next steps in the NIRB's Review of the proposed Kiggavik Project have been provided in the enclosed updated process map. The following steps have been highlighted here for the information of parties:

- Submission of Information Requests (IRs) directly to the NIRB by interested parties on or before **5:00 pm MST, Monday, June 4, 2012** (30 days).
- After considering all IRs and making decisions regarding their suitability, the NIRB will forward all appropriate requests to the Proponent (and other parties if applicable) by **Friday, June 8, 2011**.
- Upon forwarding IRs for a response, the NIRB may set a timeframe for the Proponent (and other parties if applicable) to respond with an IR response package.
- Upon receipt of the IR response package(s), all parties will be given **60 days** for submission of technical review comments.

Once again, the NIRB requests that all interested parties submit their Information Requests to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or by fax to (867) 983-2594 on or before **5:00 pm MST, Monday June 4, 2012**.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Sophia Granchinho, Technical Advisor, at (867) 793-4633 or via email at sgranchinho@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosed: NIRB's Review Process Map and Anticipated Timelines for the Kiggavik Project