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Ms. Amanda Hanson
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Nunavut Impact Review Board
P.O. Box 1360
Cambridge Bay, NU X0B 0C0

Re: Conformity Determination for AREVA Resources Canada Inc.'s Draft Environmental Impact Statement Submission and Commencement of the NIRB's Technical Review Period

Dear Ms. Hanson,

In response to correspondence from the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) dated May 4, 2012 regarding the commencement of the technical review for Areva Resources Canada Inc's Kiggavik Project Proposal, the Government of Nunavut (GN) respectfully requests a further extension to June 29, 2012 in response to NIRB's request for input.

The GN understands that the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, along with support from the Government of Canada, has requested an extension until June 21 2012. The NIRB has granted an extension until June 18 2012 in order to accommodate NIRB board meetings, which will be occurring June 25-29. The GN feels this is still not enough time to adequately prepare our Information Requests and would suggest the deadline be extended until June 29, which would not coincide with the NIRB's board meetings.

In light of the other major project reviews occurring simultaneously in Nunavut, a further extension would allow sufficient time for the GN's necessary participation. A slight adjustment to the timelines would allow the GN to fully participate government-wide in order to fulfill its legislative and regulatory mandates and apply an adequate amount of resources to this and other individual reviews.

The GN has consulted with the Kivalliq Inuit Association regarding this request for extension and has received their support.

