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October 15, 2012

Kiggavik Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Receipt of AREVA Resources Canada Inc.'s Information Request Response Timeline and the Next Steps in the NIRB's Review of the Kiggavik project

Dear Parties:

On July 13, 2012 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) forwarded all appropriate information requests (IRs) received by parties to AREVA Resources Canada Inc. (AREVA or Proponent) and to other applicable parties involved in the Review of the Kiggavik project (NIRB File No. 09MN003). The NIRB requested that the Proponent and parties review the submissions and supply the Board with an indication of an anticipated date for submission of an IR Response Package by July 31, 2012. This deadline was extended to August 31, 2012 at the request of the Proponent and several parties.

Please be advised that on or before August 31, 2012, the NIRB received responses to IRs from the following parties to the Review:

- Environment Canada in response to Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board's (BQCMB) IRs;
- Nunavut Planning Commission in response to Nunavummiut Makitagunarningit's (Makita) IRs;
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada in response to BQCMB's IRs; and
- Government of Nunavut in response to Makita's IRs.

All IR responses received by the Board can be accessed online at the NIRB's public registry using the following link:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/09MN003-AREVA%20KIGGAVIK/2-REVIEW/07-IRS%20%26%20TECHNICAL%20REVIEW/03-IR%20RESPONSES/>

On August 30, 2012, the Board received the enclosed correspondence from AREVA which indicated that it would not be in a position to submit its IR Response package until **January 31, 2013**. On September 20, 2012 the NIRB issued correspondence to AREVA requesting that it identify whether additional time would be required for future stages in the NIRB's Review. In the enclosed September 28, 2012 response, AREVA indicated its intention to participate in the NIRB's Review such that it may proceed in a timely, predictable, and efficient manner. AREVA also requested that the NIRB consider providing 30 days for AREVA to respond to technical review comments in order to maximize the value of technical meetings in resolving outstanding issues.

Recognizing that a sufficient response to IRs is required prior to re-engaging the Review process, the Board has incorporated the Proponent's submission date into the anticipated timeline for the Review of the Kiggavik project (see attached Appendix A). In response to AREVA's request for additional time to respond to technical review comments, the Board would note that the purpose of a technical meeting is to resolve outstanding issues raised through technical review comment submissions and further, that it would not expect a Proponent response to such comments in advance of a technical meeting to thoroughly resolve many of the issues that could potentially arise. However, recognizing the unknown number and content of technical review comments that may be submitted by parties, and further acknowledging the value that may be added by the preparation of a commitment list as suggested in AREVA's submission, the Board finds the Proponent's request for additional time in order to prepare a preliminary response to technical review comments to be reasonable. As such, it has reflected this change within the anticipated timeline for the Kiggavik Review, and has provided the attached revised timeline to parties to facilitate the ongoing planning and updating of contribution agreements as may be necessary.

Next Steps

Following the Board's receipt of AREVA's IR Response Package, it will conduct a preliminary completeness check prior to initiating the 60 day technical review period and scheduling the Kiggavik Technical Meeting and Preliminary Hearing Conference. At that time the Board will issue direction to parties regarding the requested format for technical comment submissions. Parties are advised that the scheduling of next steps in the Board's Review of the Kiggavik Project may be impacted by other ongoing assessments and that the attached timeline is subject to change accordingly.

If you have any questions or require further clarification related to the NIRB's Review process, please do not hesitate to contact Sophia Granchinho, Technical Advisor, at (867) 793-4633 or sgranchinho@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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cc: Tammy Van Lambalgen, AREVA Resources Canada

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Enclosure (2): 1) AREVA Letter to the NIRB Re: "AREVA Resources Canada Inc. Anticipated Information Request Submission Date Regarding the Kiggavik Draft Environmental Impact Statement," dated August 30, 2012
2) AREVA Letter to the NIRB Re: "Review Timelines for AREVA Resources Canada Inc.' Proposed Kiggavik Project," dated September 28, 2012

Attachment: Appendix A: Anticipated Timeline for the NIRB's Review of the Kiggavik Project (*October 15, 2012*)

APPENDIX A: ANTICIPATED TIMELINE FOR THE NIRB'S REVIEW OF THE KIGGAVIK PROJECT
(*OCTOBER 15, 2012*)

NIRB’s Review Process Map and Anticipated Timeline for the Kiggavik Project¹ (October 15, 2012)

NIRB

Proponent

Mar 2, 2010

Mar 12, 2010

Apr 25 - May 10, 2010

Nov 15, 2010

Feb 9, 2011

Mar 21, 2011

Mar 22 - Mar 24, 2011

May 3, 2011

Dec 20, 2011

Apr 25, 2012
Resubmission

May 4, 2012

May 22 - May 30, 2012

Jun 29, 2012

July 13, 2012

Jan 31, 2013

Feb 6, 2013

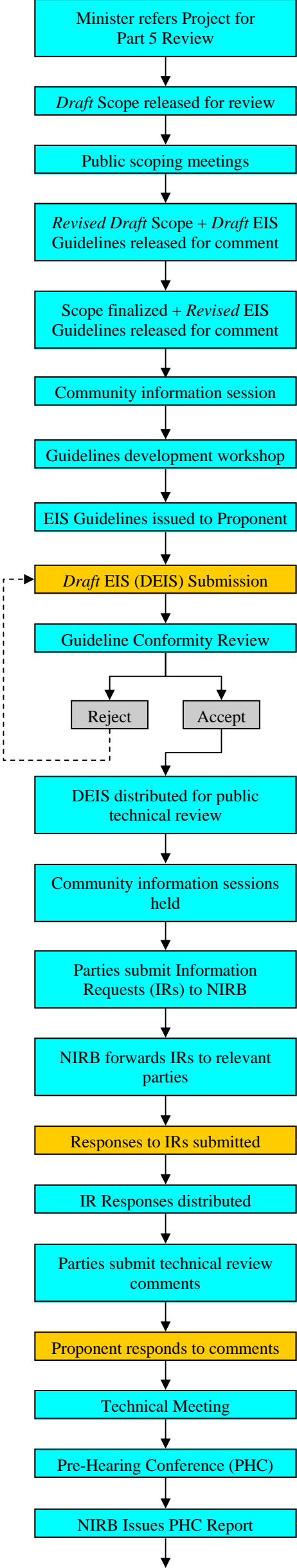
Apr 8, 2013

May 8, 2013

May 28-31, 2013

June 4-6, 2013

Jul 4, 2013



Participant funding announced (Mar 12)

Minister’s decision on participant funding (Aug 10)

INAC issue participant funding (Nov 15)

DEIS submitted by the Proponent did not meet the NIRB’s conformity determination. The Proponent was asked to resubmit its DEIS on January 18, 2012. Resubmission received April 25, 2012.

The time required for submission of an responses to IRs is primarily Proponent-driven. The Proponent indicated its response to IRs will be provided by January 31, 2013.

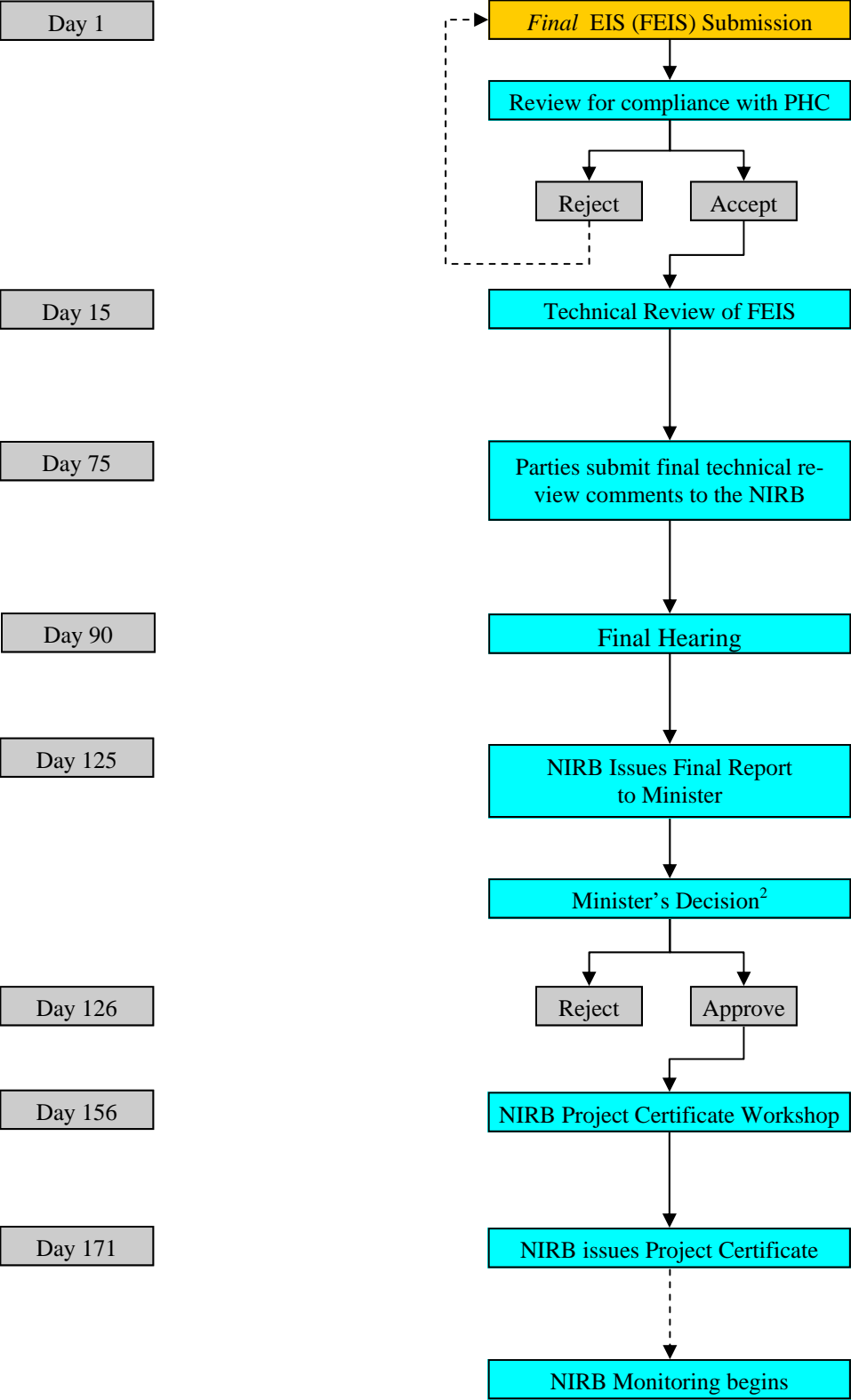
The Proponent will develop an FEIS with the issued PHC compliance report based on its own time-table, making the transition to the next stage of the Review Proponent-driven.

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NIRB

Proponent

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Notes: 1 = Timelines may change based on project-specific circumstances and subject to the NIRB’s discretion.
2 = The timeline for the Minister’s Decision is independent of the NIRB.