

	March 12-14, 2015	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Community Roundtable
	March 16-20, 2015*	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	TBD

***NOTE: The NIRB may, in its discretion, extend any day session into an evening session if required. The Final Public Hearing has tentatively been scheduled to extend into the week of March 16-20, 2015, but the Hearing will only continue into that week if the NIRB considers it necessary.**

While the agenda for the Final Hearing will be circulated to all parties in advance and may be adjusted as necessary at the discretion of the NIRB's Chairperson, the schedule for these proceedings has been arranged such that the first portion of the Final Hearing will consist of formal proceedings, including technical presentations, while the latter portion will allow for more directed community engagement through community roundtable sessions. Both the technical and community portions will include an evening session designed to ensure members of the community also have adequate opportunity to participate outside of regular working hours.

Final Hearing Logistics & Details

The Final Hearing will be conducted in accordance with the NIRB's Rules of Procedure¹, as determined in the Board's PHC Decision. Proceedings will be facilitated by the NIRB's Board Members, with support from NIRB staff and legal counsel as required. A stenographer will be brought to the hearing venue to record an official transcript, and simultaneous English and Inuktitut interpretation will be provided through all proceedings, while French interpretation may also be provided upon request if necessary. A copy of the full public registry will be brought to the hearing venue and made publically available during proceedings.

Intervenor Status

The enclosed Notice of Hearing provides direction to parties wishing to apply for formal intervenor status for the hearing proceedings. For the benefit of all the parties we are providing the following additional information:

1. Under the Board's Rules of Procedure² (September 2009) (the "Rules"), s. 22.1 authorizing agencies³ have full standing throughout the Review and are NOT required to file a request to be granted intervenor status.
2. Part 22 of the Rules also recognizes that there may be parties who have not been involved throughout the Review, but who may, upon receiving the formal Notice of Hearing determine that they wish to apply for intervenor status at the Hearing. For these potential intervenors, the Board requires the completion of an Application Form to request intervenor status (**enclosed**) to be filed with the Board on or before **5:00 pm MT December 5, 2014**.
3. The Board will review and consider completed Application Forms and may:

¹ NIRB Rules of Procedure (September, 2009) are available from the NIRB's online registry from the following link: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/06-RULES/>.

² Available online at the following location: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/06-RULES/>

³ Defined under s. 2.1 of the Rules to include any Canadian or Nunavut government department or agency, Designated Inuit Organization (DIO) or any other body that has the authority to issue a permit, lease, licence or grant approval to a proponent to conduct some physical work or physical activity in relation to a project proposal.

- a. circulate the Application with a request for comments;
 - b. decide that more information is required or request that the Application be modified as directed by the Board;
 - c. decide that the intervention request is not granted because the submission is frivolous, vexatious or of little merit; or
 - d. grant the intervention request and notify all parties of that decision.
4. Given the approaching Final Hearing and the desire for all parties to have adequate notice and time to prepare for their participation, the Board will endeavour to take the steps outlined in Item 3 as promptly as possible and expects to make its determination and issue a letter accepting or rejecting any of the intervention requests received on or before **December 12, 2014**.
5. All authorizing agencies and parties granted intervenor status will have until **5:00 pm MT January 16, 2015** to file their written submissions for the Final Hearing with the NIRB.

Summary

In closing, as we move closer to the Final Hearing for the NIRB's Review of the Kiggavik Uranium project, the Board thanks all parties for their continued active engagement in the review process. Additional details regarding the Hearing will be provided as they become available.

As a reminder to all parties, the NIRB will accept applications for Intervenor Status until **5:00 pm MT, Friday December 5, 2014**.

The NIRB reminds all parties that the deadline for final written submissions is **5:00 pm MT, Friday January 16, 2015**.

Should you have questions regarding the upcoming Final Hearing for the Kiggavik Uranium project, including the NIRB's Rules of Procedure and intervenor status applications, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4608 or via email at rbarry@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Ryan Barry
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Diane Martens, AREVA Resources Canada Inc.

Enclosed (5): Notice of Public Hearing (November 7, 2014, English, Inuktitut, and French)
Application Form Requesting Intervenor Status (English and Inuktitut)