



NIRB File No. 09MN003

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Re: Update on Public Hearing Logistics and Notice of Community Information Tour for the NIRB's Review of AREVA Resources Canada Inc.'s "Kiggavik Uranium Mine" Project Proposal

Dear Diane Martens:

On November 12, 2014 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) issued its Notice of Hearing for the NIRB's Review of AREVA Resources Inc.'s (the Proponent) Kiggavik Uranium Mine project proposal (NIRB File No. 09MN003). Parties are reminded that final written submissions will continue to be accepted by the NIRB until **Friday January 16, 2015**.

Final Hearing Dates

Having recently completed the application process for registering Intervenor for the upcoming Final Hearing, the Board is now able to advise parties that it expects the time required to complete the Final Hearing will be from March 2 to March 14, 2015 only. While a third week of proceedings had been contemplated if necessary, given the number of registered Intervenor the Board now believes that sufficient time will be available to cover all required items within the March 2-14, 2015 time period. However the NIRB retains the ability to extend the Final Hearing schedule as necessary and the Board will provide further confirmation to parties regarding the Final Hearing dates and draft agenda following receipt of parties' final written submissions on January 16, 2015.

Hotel Accommodations

A block of hotel accommodations are currently being held by the NIRB in Baker Lake in order to facilitate participation by responsible authorities and registered Intervenor at the upcoming Final Hearing. The Board asks that all parties plan to provide sufficient representation during both the planned technical sessions and community roundtable portions of the Final Hearing.

The NIRB is prepared to release reserved hotel beds to representatives from the following organizations:

- Nunavut Tunngavik Inc.
- Kivalliq Inuit Association
- Government of Nunavut
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
- Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission
- Environment Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Natural Resources Canada
- Transport Canada
- Athabasca Denesuline Né Né Land Corporation
- Hamlet of Baker Lake
- Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organization
- Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board
- Canadian Arctic Resources Committee
- Nunavummiut Makitagunarningit
- Paula Kigjugalik Hughson

Given that the availability of hotel beds in Baker Lake is very limited and may be somewhat less than the number of intended participants for the Hearing, the NIRB will do its best to distribute available hotel beds amongst parties as evenly as possible. The Board will also assist parties where required and/or requested, with securing billet accommodations to the extent possible, and strongly encourages all groups to consider this option. Parties are hereby requested to notify the NIRB at info@nirb.ca regarding their interest in securing hotel beds and/or billeted accommodations in Baker Lake as soon as possible. Reservations for individual hotel beds will be transferred from the NIRB to the planned attendee, who will be responsible for assuming associated costs. The NIRB will release any remaining unrequested hotel beds from our group reservation by **5:00 pm Friday, January 31, 2015**.

Public Awareness and Community Engagement

To promote public awareness and effective participation at the upcoming Final Hearing, the NIRB is organizing additional community information sessions in the communities of the Kivalliq Region for early 2015. These sessions are intended to inform residents about the opportunity to participate in the NIRB's Final Hearing proceedings.

In the coming weeks, the NIRB will publish notice of these sessions in newspapers and via the posting of local advertisements in each community to be visited. Each community visit will be structured to include an Open House from 3:00-5:00 p.m. as well as an Information Session with a structured presentation from 6:30-9:00 p.m.

Community	Location	Date
Chesterfield Inlet	Community Hall	January 27, 2015
Naujaat, Repulse Bay	Community Hall	January 28, 2015
Coral Harbour	Community Hall	January 29, 2015
Rankin Inlet	Community Hall	January 30, 2015
Arviat	Mark Kalluak Hall	January 31, 2015
Whale Cove	John Adjuk Community Hall	February 2, 2015
Baker Lake	Qamani'tuaq Recreation Center	February 3, 2015

In addition, the NIRB will be soliciting up to five (5) representatives from each of the following communities to attend the Final Hearing in Baker Lake¹:

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| ▪ Arviat | ▪ Rankin Inlet |
| ▪ Chesterfield Inlet | ▪ Nauyasat |
| ▪ Coral Harbour | ▪ Whale Cove |

The NIRB is prepared to cover the costs of travel, accommodations and meals for these community representatives in order to allow for their attendance and participation the Final Hearing in Baker Lake. The Board will be requesting the nomination of community representatives from Hamlet Councils, Hunters & Trappers Organizations, and other community groups in order to encourage representation that is inclusive of a variety of demographics including, but not limited to, Inuit harvesters, women, youth and Elders.

Summary

In closing, as we move closer to the Final Hearing for the NIRB's Review of the Kiggavik Uranium Mine project, the Board thanks all parties for their support and encourages their continued active engagement in the review process. Additional details regarding hearing logistics and final scheduling will be provided as they become available over the coming weeks.

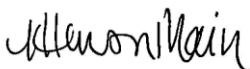
Once again the NIRB requests that parties notify the NIRB at info@nirb.ca on or before **5:00 pm Friday, February 13, 2015** regarding their interest in securing hotel beds and/or billeted accommodations in Baker Lake.

The NIRB reminds all parties that the deadline for final written submissions is **January 16, 2015**.

Parties are also asked to notify the NIRB by **January 16, 2015** should they require French interpretation or special audio-visual equipment at the Final Hearing to allow for the necessary arrangements to be made.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding the NIRB's Review of the proposed Kiggavik Uranium Mine project or the upcoming Final Hearing, please contact Heather Rasmussen, Technical Advisor, at hasmussen@nirb.ca or by phone at (867) 983-4606.

Sincerely,



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cc: Kiggavik Distribution List

¹ Any interested members of the public from Baker Lake will be welcome to participate during the Final Hearing.