



Honourable Bernard Valcourt
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
10 Wellington, 21 Floor
Gatineau, Quebec

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RE: AREVA Resources Canada's Proposed Kiggavik Uranium Mine

Mr. Valcourt,

The Aqigiq Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) is aware that AREVA Resources has requested that you not accept the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) recommendation for the proposed Kiggavik uranium mine. The HTO supports the NIRB recommendation. We are opposed to the Kiggavik proposal.

The community of Chesterfield Inlet has grave concerns with the environmental and health impacts of uranium mining. An expert panel in Quebec has recently recommended against uranium mining in that province. We do not support uranium mining in our territory.

We are also concerned about the impacts increased marine shipping through Chesterfield Inlet would have on our community's hunting of marine mammals. We have already been greatly affected by the increased marine shipping by the existing gold mine near Baker Lake.

We request that you uphold the NIRB's recommendation and reject AREVA's proposed Kiggavik uranium mine.

Barney Aggark
Chair

Aqigiq Hunters and Trappers Organization

CC:

Elizabeth Copeland, Chair, Nunavut Impact Review Board
Cathy Towtongie, President, Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
David Ningeongan, President, Kivalliq Inuit Association
Stanley Adjuk, Chair, Kivalliq Wildlife Board
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