

- Environment Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

All comments and documents received pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's ftp site at <ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/10XN039-AEM%20-%20Meadowbank%20Airstrip%20Expansion/1-SCREENING/02-DISTRIBUTION/COMMENTS/>.

The following represents a *summary* of the main concerns raised:

- Potential for sedimentation resulting from the in-lake placement of rock
- Concerns regarding the in-lake use of construction materials that may be deleterious
- Potential impacts to water quality and/or aquatic biota
- Previously submitted plans should be updated to include the proposed airstrip expansion and related activities; plans to be revised and submitted for review and approval sufficiently in advance of construction
- Proponent should identify contingency measures especially where elevated sedimentation in water column may occur
- Mitigation measures proposed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement should be implemented
- Proposal as submitted does not provide information regarding proposed reclamation of the deactivated section of the all weather access road
- Mitigative techniques designed to protect water quality and aquatic biota should be described and developed in an Erosion or Sediment Control Plan

The NIRB would like to provide AEM with an opportunity to address all comments received prior to the Board making its recommendation to the Minister. The NIRB recommends that AEM review the complete comment submissions and provide a response directly to our office by **July 20, 2010**. The response should address those items as outlined throughout the comment submissions found at the ftp link above. If AEM determines that additional time is required to prepare an adequate response, the NIRB requests that an alternate date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please forward all forthcoming submissions to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the undersigned at 867-983-4615 or ahanson@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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