

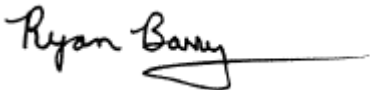
- 13.6.1 The NPC, NIRB and the NWB shall co-operate and co-ordinate their efforts in the review, screening and processing of water applications to ensure they are dealt with in a timely fashion.

In light of projected estimates for major mining development projects in Nunavut and the processing of other Type “A” water licence applications, the Boards are of the view that a coordinated process is important to ensure each Board maintains the capacity to fulfill its respective mandate in a timely and efficient manner. However, the enclosed DCPF does not provide for a completely joint regulatory process between the NIRB and the NWB. Given the differing nature of the information and the levels of detail required for environmental assessment and water licensing, the Boards are not proposing a fully joint process or joint hearings at this time.

The original DCPF guidance document was released in 2009 and has been developed further through its continued application to Baffinland Iron Mines Corp.’s Mary River project proposal, which has served as the pilot project for the NIRB/NWB coordinated approach. Given that several additional project proponents have also requested that this coordinated approach be applied to the consideration of their respective project proposals and water licence applications, the NIRB and the NWB believe that the release of the enclosed updated DCPF will help to increase certainty for project proponents, interveners and the general public regarding process requirements and timelines moving forward.

Both the NIRB and the NWB encourage the effective participation of the public in our respective processes. If you have questions regarding the enclosed guidance document, please contact the undersigned at info@nirb.ca or toll-free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,



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Enclosed: NIRB/NWB Detailed Coordinated Process Framework (April, 2012)