



**NOTICE OF INDICATION  
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Via email: [adunford@nac.nu.ca](mailto:adunford@nac.nu.ca)

**Re: Notice of Indication for Dr. Marie Claude Williamson's Planetary Analogue Research Project Proposal**

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Dear Mr. Dunford:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Ed Picco, Minister of Education for Dr. Marie Claude Williamson's Planetary Analogue Research Project Proposal in the Baffin Region.

NIRB has assessed this Project Proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment NIRB's indication to the Minister is in accordance with **12.4.4 (a)** which states the following:

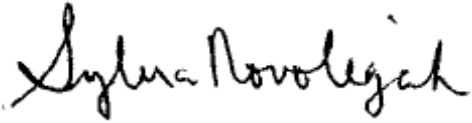
"The proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5."

The enclosed NIRB Screening Decision for NIRB File Number 08YN069, signed on July 18, 2008 by Lucassie Arragutainaq at Sanikiluaq has been issued to Nunavut Research Institute (NRI). The proponent is subject the terms and conditions contained herein.

NIRB is aware of NRI's authority to regulate the terms and conditions attached to the enclosed Screening Decision Report, and requests that NRI send a hardcopy of the authorization with NIRB's file number referenced on the document to the NIRB office to complete our files. In addition, NIRB requests that copies of any subsequent inspection reports related to the subject Project Proposal be sent to the NIRB office.

Please contact Leslie Payette, NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration at 867-983-4605 or [lpayette@nirb.ca](mailto:lpayette@nirb.ca) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sylvia Novoligak". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sylvia" and last name "Novoligak" clearly distinguishable.

Sylvia Novoligak  
Environmental Administrator

Attachments: NIRB Screening Decision Report

Cc Honourable Ed Picco, Minister of Education, [epicco@gov.nu.ca](mailto:epicco@gov.nu.ca)  
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