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**via Email to:** [snovoligak@nirb.nunavut.ca](mailto:snovoligak@nirb.nunavut.ca)

**RE: NIRB FILE # 06AN085 & 07EN005 – REQUEST FOR EXTENSION FOR REVIEW – URANIUM EXPLORATION PROJECT PROPOSALS**

Dear Ms. Novoligak:

The Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment (DOE) are requesting an extension for the screening of the Kiggavik-Sissons project proposal submitted by AREVA Resources Canada Inc. (NIRB Ref. 06AN085) and the Thelon Basin project proposal submitted by Western Uranium Corp. (NIRB Ref. 07EN005), for conducting uranium exploration 80 km and 200 km west of Baker Lake, respectively. DOE would like to request the review period to be extended to March 12, 2007 in both instances. This will allow approximately two more weeks for review of the Kiggavik proposal and one more week for the Thelon proposal. The rationales behind the request are provided as follows.

Both projects are located in areas of high importance for wildlife habitat. Specifically they are located in areas used by Beverly and Ahikah caribou herds for calving and on key migration routes for the species. Therefore, DOE would like additional time to consider the type of activities occurring and their timing, relative to existing wildlife data in the region in order to determine appropriate recommendations to the Board.

Please contact DOE if there are further questions in regard to the extension request.

Sincerely,

Yours sincerely,

**Original signed by**

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