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Hi John,

The NIRB is only triggered once we receive a positive conformity determination from NPC for your proposal. NPC requires the **applications** for authorizations in order to commence their conformity process. Therefore, the first step should be applying for the regulatory approvals – and the respective authorizing agencies will forward the applications to NPC.

You are welcome to submit the project description and any applications applied for to the NIRB and we will start a pending file until we hear from NPC. NIRB can commence screening on only one application with the understanding that others are forthcoming.

I hope this helps to clarify, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the NIRB. Please note that I will be on annual leave next week and then taking a one year leave of absence from the organization; therefore, Ryan Barry, Director, Technical Services would be your best contact from now on (rbarry@nirb.ca and 867-983-4608).

Best regards,

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Leslie...we are doing the last touches on the project description and hope to have it out the door to Nunavut Impact Review Board by October. One question we have relates to the regulatory approvals we need from the NWB, DFO, NWPA, etc following the Project Certificate. Do we need apply for the regulatory approvals at the same time we send you the Project Description and attach the applications? We note that Baffinland did include the other applications with their Project Description. We can go either way, your advice would be helpful.

Regards,

John

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