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Honourable Chuck Strahl  
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada  
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada  
Gatineau, QC

Via email: [strahl.c@parl.gc.ca](mailto:strahl.c@parl.gc.ca)

**Re: Application exempt from screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA: Kathy Young's "Hydrology of extensive low gradient High Arctic wetlands: An examination of sustainability" project**

Dear Honourable Minister:

On April 12, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) was forwarded a positive conformity determination (North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for Kathy Young's "Hydrology of extensive low gradient High Arctic wetlands: An examination of sustainability" project proposal. The project proposal consists of an application with the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for a water licence for the aforementioned project.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 05YN072) was received by the NIRB from the Nunavut Research Institute (NRI) on May 3, 2005 and was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On June 7, 2005 the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister responsible for Nunavut Arctic College, indicating the proposed project could proceed subject to NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

The current NWB application, the original NIRB screening file and Screening Decision for NIRB File No. 05YN072 are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link: [http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2005\\_SCREENINGS/05YN072-Kathy%20Young/](http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2005_SCREENINGS/05YN072-Kathy%20Young/)

Please note that Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA states that:

*"Any application for a component or activity of a project proposal that has been permitted to proceed in accordance with these provisions shall be exempt from the requirement for screening by NIRB unless:*

- (a) such component or activity was not part of the original project proposal; or*  
*(b) its inclusion would significantly modify the project.”*

After completing a review of the information provided, the NIRB is of the understanding that the current NWB application does not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in NLCA 12.4.3(a) and (b) do not apply. Therefore, this application is exempt from screening as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remain subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the original June 7, 2005 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Kelli Gillard, NIRB Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4617 or [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca).

Best regards,



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Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board

Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 05YN072 (June 7, 2005)