

NIRB File No.: 12XN020

NPC File No.: 148746 Related to NPC File No.: 148232 INAC File No.: N2017N0017 NWB File No.: 8BC-EUR1621

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To: The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, P.C.

Minister of Crown – Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs
Government of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Sent via email: minister@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca; and carolyn.bennett@canada.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Environment and Climate Change Canada's "Amended Land Use permit application for Eureka Weather Station"

Project Proposal

Dear Honourable Minister:

On March 7, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Environment and Climate Change Canada's (ECCC) "Amended Land Use Permit application for Eureka Weather Station" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). Pursuant to subsection 92(4) of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 12XN020.

On March 7, 2018 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to subsection 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that the information provided be sufficient to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and that sufficient information has been provided to commence screening. On March 26, 2018 the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On April 3, 2018, the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties with a request for comments to be submitted for the Board's consideration by April 24, 2018.

Following the receipt of comments submissions from the public, the NIRB has provided the Proponent with an opportunity to respond to concerns raised prior to the Board making its determination; and the Board has requested a response be provided on or before May 15, 2018.

As a result of the time required to allow the Proponent an opportunity to respond to comments, the NIRB requires additional time to complete the screening of this project proposal.

All documents received and pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

Project Name: Amended Land Use permit application for Eureka Weather Station

NIRB File No.: 12XN020Application No.: 125295

The NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within the 45 days as set out in the *NuPPAA*. The NIRB anticipates that the screening of this project proposal will be completed by **May 31, 2018**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister for consideration; should any additional time be required to conclude the screening process, the NIRB commits to providing further updates as deemed appropriate.

If this request is approved, NIRB understands that the Minister will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,

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