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Dear Richard Dwyer, Tracey McCaie, Mosha Cote, Natalie D'Souza, Caroline Whittle, Fish & Fish Habitat Protection, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, Calvin Ehaloak, and Heather Shilton:

RE: NPC File No. 150981 [Investigative Studies for the Iqaluit Nukkiksautiit Project]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. **[AMENDMENT] Primary land use:** Scientific research activities.
 - a. Secondary land uses: Temporary structures, Marine-based activities, Hydro development
2. **Project Description:** Continuation of baseline studies to support the regulatory review and inform the design of the Iqaluit Nukkiksautiit Project (hydroelectric power generation structures, with the potential to integrate wind energy system), assess its potential effects, and develop mitigation measures.
3. **Summary of modifications:**
 - a. Additional investigative studies:
 - i. Atmospheric, aquatic baseline (abiotic), permafrost & terrain, socio-economic, geotechnical (drilling); additions to NRI Scientific Research Permit
 - b. Increased water withdrawal:**
 - i. 170 m³/day; up from 11 m³/day, requiring upgrade to Type B Water Licence**
 - c. Increased camp capacity and days on site:
 - i. 30 persons and 90 days (2 700 person-days); up from 10 persons and 119 days (1 190 person-days), addition to CIRNAC Class A Land Use Permit
 - d. Increased waste:
 - i. Combustible & non-combustible, greywater, and hazardous waste; addition to NWB Type B Water Licence
 - e. Fuel caching:
 - i. 7 995 L; up from 0 L, addition to CIRNAC Class A Land Use Permit
4. **Associated NPC File Nos.:** 150521 and 150770; **Associated NIRB File Nos.:** 25YN033 and 24YN048
5. **Location:** Qikiqtani Administrative Region; [Kuugaluk (McKeand) River, approximately 55 km north of Iqaluit]

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) can be accessed online using the link below.

The NPC has completed its review of the above-noted project proposal and has determined that it is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan. The works and activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by the NPC on 25 September 2024 and 15 April 2025. In addition, works and activities associated with the current proposal were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB File Nos. 25YN033 and 24YN048).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the inclusions of additional studies, increased water withdrawal, camp capacity and days on site, fuel caching, and increased waste do not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the *Nunavut Agreement* do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal with this decision to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150981>.

This decision applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. Proponents may not carry out projects and regulatory authorities may not issue licenses, permits, and other authorizations in respect of projects if a review by the NPC is required.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the email or telephone number below.

Sincerely,



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