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Dear Ms. Ohokannoak, Mr. Kharatyan, Ms. Robinson, Mr. Cote, Ms. D'Amours-Gauthier, and Dr. Medeiros:

**RE: NPC File # 148790 - Characterizing the ecology of aquatic systems in the Iqaluit area**

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

1. **Scientific Research:** This research is to assess the biological and immunological characteristics of Arctic lakes and streams in Nunavut. Water quality data and aquatic insect will be collected from each sampling site, as well as a small volume of mud (~ several cm<sup>3</sup>) for analysis of indicators of environmental change. The team will stay in Iqaluit at the Nunavut Arctic College residence and access Airport Creek and Apex River by ATV or truck. This year's research will not involve any fish collection or construction of any structure.
3. **Associated NIRB File No:** 14YN002.
4. **Location:** South Baffin Region [Various lakes and streams around Iqaluit within the municipal boundaries].

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The NPC has determined that this project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan, and the works and activities listed above were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 14YN002).

This project proposal is exempt from the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) under section 235 of that Act. The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that it does not change the general scope of the original 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 to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials are available at the following address:

<http://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=148790&sessionid=>

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 (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Goump Djalogue'.

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