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Dear Gizella Hejjas, Richard Dwyer, Mosha Cote, Jared Ottenhof, Carson Gillis, and Marie-Hélène Forget:

RE: NPC File No. 150894 [Freshwater near Qikiqtarjuaq as sources of potable water by community members]

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

1. NEW scientific research activities: In response to concerns from Qikiqtarjuaqmiut, various community or traditional freshwater sources will be tested for potability (safe to drink).
 - a. In the first year, “Bubble Lake” will be tested to determine the source of the bubbles (methane (CH₃), carbon dioxide (CO₂), or other gas); in the second year, other sources of freshwater will be monitored
 - b. Samples will be collected using a pump or Niskin bottle
 - c. Licor water sensor to measure properties of the water (oxygen (O₂), temperature, salinity, turbidity)
 - d. Sampling may take place monthly to assess temporal variability
 - e. Sites accessed by boat or skidoo, depending on season
2. Timing, Duration, & Personnel:
 - a. 10 days over period 15 August 2025 to 31 December 2026
 - b. 2 personnel for a total of 20 person-days
3. Location: Qikiqtani Region; [various sites within the municipality of Qikiqtarjuaq: “Bubble Lake” and another freshwater source on the mainland near Pautturvik peninsula; the municipal drinking water source and another freshwater source on the southeastern coast of the island of Qikiqtarjuaq]

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 project proposal requires screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because it does not belong to a class of exempt works or activities set out in Schedule 12-1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the NIRB for screening. Project materials are available at the following address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/registry/registry.aspx?appid=150894>.

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 address or telephone number below.

Sincerely,



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