



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 16DN061

Project Name: The “NOREX 18” project
Proponent Name: Department of National Defence (DND)
Project Type: Defence Region: North Baffin Region
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125173
Comment Deadline: **November 20, 2017**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “NOREX 18” project is located within the Qikiqtani region, within 15 kilometres (km) of Grise Fiord and Arctic Bay and within 30 kilometers (km) of Resolute. The Proponent intends to conduct winter exercises involving the Arctic Response Company Group a division of the Canadian Armed Forces and the Canadian Rangers. The program is proposed to take place from February 4 to February 17, 2018. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Military exercises and patrols to be conducted by personnel within three (3) operational boxes (Grise Fiord, Resolute, and Arctic Bay); and
- Establishment of temporary camps near Resolute, Grise Fiord and Arctic Bay. A temporary camp near Resolute to be used as the primary temporary camp for military exercises and fuel cache

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: 16DN061 to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via www.nirb.ca. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Mia Otokiak, Junior Technical Advisor, toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or motokiak@nirb.ca.