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**Industry and Public Stakeholders** – Via uploads to both the Northwest Territories Online Review System and Nunavut Water Board Public Registry

**Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's (CIRNAC) and Government of Northwest Territories' (GNWT) invitation for further engagement on the updates to RECLAIM 8.0 and associated User Manual**

Dear Parties,

*Background*

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) is currently undertaking an update of the RECLAIM 7.0 Model (update to RECLAIM 8.0) and associated User Manual. The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) is collaborating with CIRNAC on this update, as it is the current version also used in the NWT. The purpose of the update is to more accurately reflect the actual costs and site specific activities as they relate to reclamation security estimates. This update will incorporate a process to account for inflation, and reflect the current standards and costs of remediation projects in the North. Updates have also been drafted to reflect land and water board practices and expectations that have emerged since the model was last updated in 2014, and the User Manual in 2017.

On January 23, 2025, an in-person and virtual engagement session, including a presentation on the potential updates to RECLAIM 8.0, was held in Vancouver at the Association for Mineral Exploration Conference. Working copies of the RECLAIM 8.0 Model, associated User Manual, and a summary report highlighting proposed changes, including



rationale, were uploaded to both the Northwest Territories Online Review System and Nunavut Water Board Public Registry for public review on that date. During the engagement session, both CIRNAC and the GNWT committed to providing additional details on the information used in the development of Unit rates and the rationale used to support the potential updates. Those details were uploaded to both the Northwest Territories Online Review System and Nunavut Water Board Public Registry for public review on February 19, 2025 and public feedback deadline was extended accordingly from March 3, 2025 to March 31, 2025.

*Further in-person engagement on the updates to RECLAIM 8.0 and associated User Manual*

At this time, CIRNAC and GNWT are committing to two additional in-person and virtual engagement sessions, including one in Iqaluit, Nunavut, and one in Yellowknife, NWT.

The 2025 Nunavut Mining Symposium is hosted by the Nunavut Mining Society in Iqaluit, Nunavut from April 7 – 10, 2025. CIRNAC will be available that week and plans to present a summary of the public feedback received to both online review systems thus far. CIRNAC will also be available for one-on-one meetings to further engage on the update.

**If your organization will be attending the 2025 Nunavut Mining Symposium during the week of April 7-10 and would like to schedule an engagement session on the update to RECLAIM 8.0 with CIRNAC, please contact Andrew Keim at (867) 975-4550 or [Andrew.Keim@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](mailto:Andrew.Keim@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca) to schedule.**

The GNWT will be available for one-on-one meetings to further engage on the update during the week of May 12 – 16, 2025, in Yellowknife, NWT. The exact date for a one-day workshop in Yellowknife, the week of May 12 -16, will be confirmed soon, along with additional details on the scope of the workshop.

**If your organization would like to schedule an engagement session with the GNWT the week of May 12 - 16, 2025, please contact Bill Pain at (867) 767-9234 ext. 53117 or [bill\\_pain@gov.nt.ca](mailto:bill_pain@gov.nt.ca) to schedule an engagement session with the GNWT.**

*Public feedback response schedule*

CIRNAC and the GNWT have heard multiple requests to provide more time for public feedback. As always, our door remains open to productive engagement and new or innovative ideas in the shaping of the RECLAIM tool. CIRNAC and GNWT agree to provide more time in this important review, but would still request that preliminary public feedback on the update to RECLAIM 8.0 and the associated User Manual be submitted **by March 31, 2025** via the Northwest Territories Online Review System or Nunavut Water Board Public Registry. CIRNAC and the GNWT heard in the January 23, 2025 engagement session the usefulness to hear other's public feedback and have the opportunity to augment their public feedback accordingly. CIRNAC and the GNWT commit to summarizing the feedback received by March 31, 2025 and posting it on both public online review systems **by April 22, 2025** for further feedback.

CIRNAC and the GNWT confirm that a second public review period will occur to give reviewers more time to provide recommendations on the update and request finalized public



feedback on the update to RECLAIM 8.0 and the associated User Manual be submitted **by May 30, 2025** via the Northwest Territories Online Review System or Nunavut Water Board Public Registry. CIRNAC and the GNWT commit to summarizing all the feedback received by May 30, 2025 and posting it on both public online review systems **by June 16, 2025**. CIRNAC and the GNWT request clarifications on the June 16, 2025 summary document be submitted via the Northwest Territories Online Review System or Nunavut Water Board Public Registry **by July 16, 2025**.

We thank you in advance for the feedback on the update. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact Andrew Keim at (867) 975-4550 or [Andrew.Keim@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](mailto:Andrew.Keim@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca) or Bill Pain at (867) 767-9234 ext. 53117 or [bill\\_pain@gov.nt.ca](mailto:bill_pain@gov.nt.ca).

Sincerely,

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## RECLAIM 8.0

### Engagement on the updates to RECLAIM 8.0 and associated User Manual

#### Important Dates:

Roll out of updated Reclaim 8.0 tool for public engagement	January 23, 2025
<del>Initial public engagement and commenting period deadline</del>	<del>March 3, 2025</del>
Revised public engagement and commenting period deadline	March 31, 2025
CIRNAC and GNWT feedback to public and further engagement	April 7-10, 2025 Iqaluit, Nunavut
CIRNAC and GNWT (a summary of feedback to date)(1)	April 22, 2025
GNWT and CIRNAC feedback to public and further engagement	May 12-16, 2025 Yellowknife, NWT
Second round of public feedback commenting deadline	May 30, 2025
CIRNAC and GNWT (a summary of feedback to date)(2)	June 16, 2025
Third round of public feedback commenting deadline	July 16, 2025
Expected date of implementation of RECLAIM 8.0 Tool	August 1, 2025