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Good afternoon,

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) is 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 RECLAIM 7.0 is also being used in the NWT. The purpose of the update is to 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.

The RECLAIM update working group consists of representatives from CIRNAC's Northern Affairs Office and the GNWT's Department of Environment and Climate Change. CIRNAC's consultant AtkinsRéalis Canada Inc. (AtkinsRéalis) has been retained to update the RECLAIM Model. The GNWT's consultant Brodie Consulting Ltd (BCL) has been retained to review the model and revise the corresponding user manual.

On January 23, 2025, an in-person and virtual engagement session, including a presentation on the potential updates to RECLAIM 8.0, is being held by CIRNAC, attended by the GNWT. Working copies of the RECLAIM 8.0 Model, associated User Manual, and a summary report highlighting proposed changes, including rationale, will be uploaded to both the Northwest Territories Online Review System and Nunavut Water Board Public Registry for public review.

It is important to note that these are working copies and **not the final version of RECLAIM 8.0**. Reviewers are encouraged to provide feedback on the proposed changes and note any omissions. Feedback can be submitted using either the Northwest Territories Online Review System or the Nunavut Water Board Public Registry **by March 3, 2025**. **All feedback submitted to the working group via these online review systems will be public.**

Using the Online Review System (ORS), reviewers are invited to submit comments and recommendations on the document linked below by the review comment deadline specified. The Nunavut Water Board is also coordinating a public review for the same update, which can be found at (<https://public.nwb-oen.ca/registry/RECLAIM%208.0%20Public%20Engagement/>). Reviewers are only required to comment on one website (NWT ORS or NWB's Public Registry), as all public comments will be combined upon closure of the review period.

For further engagement on the RECLAIM update or specific implementation inquiries, please contact Andrew Keim at the CIRNAC Nunavut Regional Office (andrew.keim@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca) or Bill Pain at the GNWT (bill_pain@gov.nt.ca).

Thank you in advance for your time and participation. We look forward to your valuable contributions to this important initiative.

Best regards,

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