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Dear Tracey McCaie, Amy Robinson, Veronique D'Amours-Gauthier, Carson Gillis, Jared Ottenhof, Talia Maksagak, and Jean-Philippe Cloutier-Dussault:

RE: NPC File # 149619 [West Remus Creek Quarry Expansion]

- Related NPC File No.: 148232 [Renewal of Eureka weather station Land use permit], 148241 [Eureka Weather Station Water Licence Renewal], 148746 [Amended Land Use Permit application for Eureka Weather Station], 149440 [Building Demolition and Temporary Camp at Eureka High Arctic Weather Station (HAWs), Amendment and Renewal of Water Licence and Extension of Quarry Permit], 149457 [West Remus Creek Quarry Expansion]
- Related NIRB File No.: 12XN020 and 21QN005
- Location: Qikiqtaaluk Region; [Eureka, approximately 400 km North of Resolute Bay]

Summary of Modifications/Amendments:

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- *Quarry Expansion:* “To access the two proposed expansion areas to the south of Remus Creek, vehicles will need to cross Remus Creek. A request for review was submitted to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans which proposed the construction of two temporary culvert stream crossings. A temporary (1-5 yr) bridge crossing is now also being considered as an alternative option. The previous request for review submitted to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans will be updated accordingly. The creek crossing will remain in place until 2027”
- “In addition, ECCC plans on using the existing Blacktop Quarry (Permit 2015QP0051), and potentially 2 areas adjacent (east) of Black Top Quarry. A total of 40,000 to 60,000m3 could potentially be quarried from this area in 2022”

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 previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal, including construction of two temporary culvert stream crossings across Remus Creek and West Remus Creek (conformity determination issued February 9, 2021). This conformity determination still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB FILE NO.: 12XN020 and 21QN005).

The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the inclusion of a bridge crossing does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended 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, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address: <https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149619&sessionid=>

The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NUPPAA) to implement any of the applicable requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

This conformity determination 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. Regulatory authorities may consult with the NPC to obtain recommendations on their duties to implement the existing land use plans prior to issuing licenses, permits and other authorizations under subsection 69(6) of the NUPPAA.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 949-3444.

Sincerely,



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