

NIRB File No.: 09MN003

January 21, 2015

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Sent via email: diane.martens@areva.ca

Re: <u>Final Written Submissions Received for the NIRB's Review of AREVA Resources</u>

<u>Canada Inc.'s Kiggavik Uranium Mine Project Proposal</u>

Dear Diane Martens:

On October 17, 2014 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) accepted AREVA Resources Canada Inc.'s (AREVA) Final Environmental Impact Statement (Final EIS) for the Kiggavik Uranium Mine Project Proposal and commenced a technical review of the Final EIS. Interested parties were invited to provide final written submissions to the NIRB by Friday, January 16, 2015.

On or before January 16, 2015 the NIRB received submissions from the following parties:

- Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated and the Kivalliq Inuit Association¹;
- Government of Nunavut; and
- Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organization.

On or before January 17, 2015 the NIRB received submissions from the following parties:

- Government of Canada:
 - o Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada,
 - o Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission,
 - o Environment Canada,
 - o Fisheries and Oceans Canada,
 - o Health Canada,
 - Natural Resources Canada,
 - Transport Canada;
- Athabasca Denesuline:
- Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board;
- Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation;

¹still awaiting submission of Appendix 1 of the Kivalliq Inuit Association submission

- Nunavummiut Makitagunarningit; and
- Paula Kigjugalik Hughson.

In follow-up to previous discussions, the NIRB would like to provide confirmation to AREVA that on January 19, 2015 the Hamlet of Baker Lake informed the NIRB that it would not be submitting a final written submission to the NIRB, but provided the comments expressed during a previous meeting between Hamlet Council and AREVA. In additional follow-up, the NIRB was informed on January 19, 2015 that the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee will be submitting a formal response to the NIRB noting that it will not be submitting a final written submission.

Submissions are available at the NIRB's online public registry at the following link: http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/09MN003-AREVA%20KIGGAVIK/2-REVIEW/10-FINAL%20HEARING/05-SUBMISSIONS/.

Consistent with the NIRB's Pre-Hearing Conference Decision for the proposed Kiggavik Uranium Mine Project², the Board would like to provide AREVA with the opportunity to file a response to parties' final written submissions. Pursuant to the Pre-Hearing Conference Decision³, the NIRB requests that AREVA submit its response via email to <u>info@nirb.ca</u> or by fax to (867) 983-2594, on or before **February 16, 2015**.

Should you have any questions or require clarification regarding the next steps in the Board's Review of the proposed Kiggavik Uranium Mine Project, please contact Heather Rasmussen, Technical Advisor, by telephone at (867) 983-4606 or hrasmussen@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

Tara Arko

Director, Technical Services Nunavut Impact Review Board

Jana Clark

cc: Luis Manzo, Kivalliq Inuit Association

Kiggavik Distribution List

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² NIRB Preliminary Hearing Conference Decision Concerning the Kiggavik Project (NIRB File No. 09MN003) proposed by AREVA Resources Canada Inc., issued July 5, 2013.

³ Due to an administrative error the NIRB indicated an incorrect date of February 2, 2015 in its Notice of Public Hearing; however the NIRB defers to the Pre-Hearing Conference Decision timeline commitments p.28 that AREVA be provided a minimum of 30 days to respond to parties' final written submissions.