



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

TECHNICAL SESSIONS For the REVIEW of the Proposed INUVIK to TUKTOYAKTUK HIGHWAY PROJECT

DATE OF RELEASE:	July 31, 2012
DISTRIBUTION:	All registered Parties, EIRB Electronic On-line Registry (EOR), and the Public.
PURPOSE:	This Directive is intended to inform the Parties about the Technical Sessions to be held as part of the Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway Project Review.
TECHNICAL SESSIONS:	The Technical Sessions will be held at Ingamo Hall in Inuvik on August 22 & 23, 2012. The Technical Sessions will begin at 8:30 am each day and run until 5:00 pm with a mid-day lunch break.
PARTY SUBMISSIONS:	Parties are required to submit a list of questions and issues they would like to see discussed at the Technical Sessions (TS). Please refer to Attachment 1 for details about the purpose of the TS, and the format and content of Party submissions.
SUBMISSIONS DUE DATE:	August 13, 2012 end of business day.
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ATTACHMENT 1

Purpose of Technical Sessions

The Technical Sessions occur strategically at this point in the Review, when the Technical Review and Information Request (IR) processes have been completed. The Technical Review and IR processes are when Parties have the opportunity to review in depth the material the Developer has submitted in support of its draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), to request clarification and to request additional information on a specific discipline. The Technical Sessions are the first opportunity for the Parties to identify their position on what the Developer has said in the draft EIS about those areas of interest to the Parties. Where there are disagreements or differences of opinion between the Parties position and the Developers on a topic, the Technical Sessions present the opportunity for the Parties and the Developer to either reach consensus on the discipline, or agree to disagree on it. Where the latter is the case, these issues/questions will be carried forward to the Public Hearings.

Format and Content of Submissions

Parties are requested to identify the discipline (s) and the specific issues and/or questions they have. Please identify the discipline from the list below, a brief description of each issue/question and an indication of how each could be resolved/answered. If there are too many issues and questions for one discipline to list individually a succinct summary will suffice, however an indication of how resolution could be achieved is still requested. The disciplines are aligned with the main topic areas/chapters of the draft EIS:

Biophysical

1. Terrain, Geology, Soils, Permafrost
2. Climate
3. Air Quality
4. Noise
5. Water Quality
6. Hydrology
7. Fish and Fish Habitat
8. Vegetation
9. Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat
10. Birds and Habitat

Human Environment

11. Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk
12. Town of Inuvik
13. Demographics
14. Regional and Local Economies
15. Employment
16. Infrastructure and Institutional Capacity, Community Services
17. Human Health and Community Wellness
18. Socio-Cultural Patterns
19. Harvesting
20. Land Use
21. Archaeological Resources

Cumulative Effects

22. Biophysical (use discipline areas listed above where applicable)
23. Human Environment (use discipline areas listed above where applicable)

Mitigation Measures

24. Biophysical (use discipline areas listed above where applicable)
25. Human Environment (use discipline areas listed above where applicable)

Follow-up and Monitoring

26. Biophysical (use discipline areas listed above where applicable)
27. Human Environment (use discipline areas listed above where applicable)

Technical Sessions Process

The staff of the EIRB will be facilitating the Technical Sessions. The Sessions will be recorded and transcripts will be prepared for each daily session. A projector will be available; any presentations need to be provided on a memory stick, CD-ROM or e-mailed ahead of time.

Refreshments and snacks will be provided. Lunch is not provided, however, time will be allotted for participants to purchase lunch in town.

There is an opportunity for an evening session to be held on the first day, this will be determined during the course of the day on Wednesday, August 22.

Ingamo Hall location: 20 Mackenzie Road, Inuvik