

What to expect when you're expecting...

a NIRB Final Hearing



NIRB File No. 08MN053, Iqaluit, May 3, 2012

Q & A Session

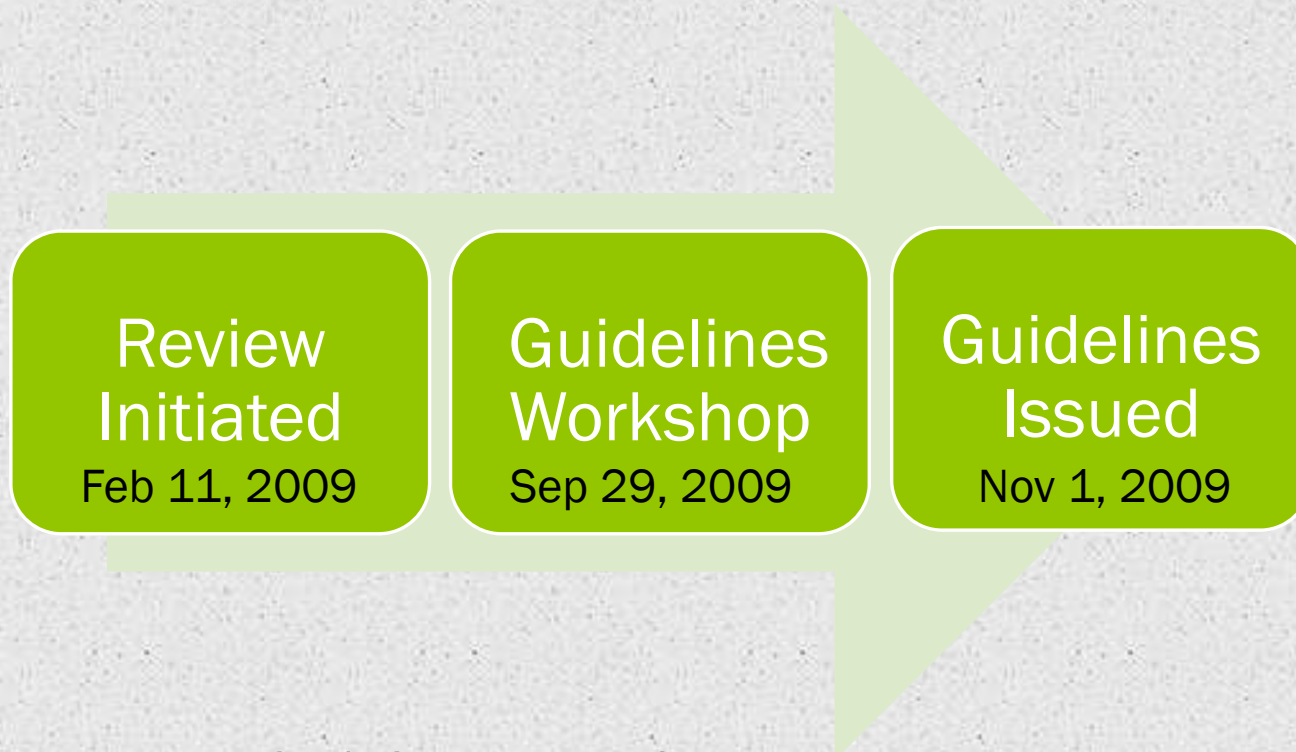
- o Where are we in the Review process and what are the next steps?
- o How should final written submissions be formatted?
- o What is the objective of a NIRB Final Hearing?
- o How will the hearing be organized?
- o How will communities be involved?
- o Who is expected to attend?
- o What should be done to prepare?



The Review Process

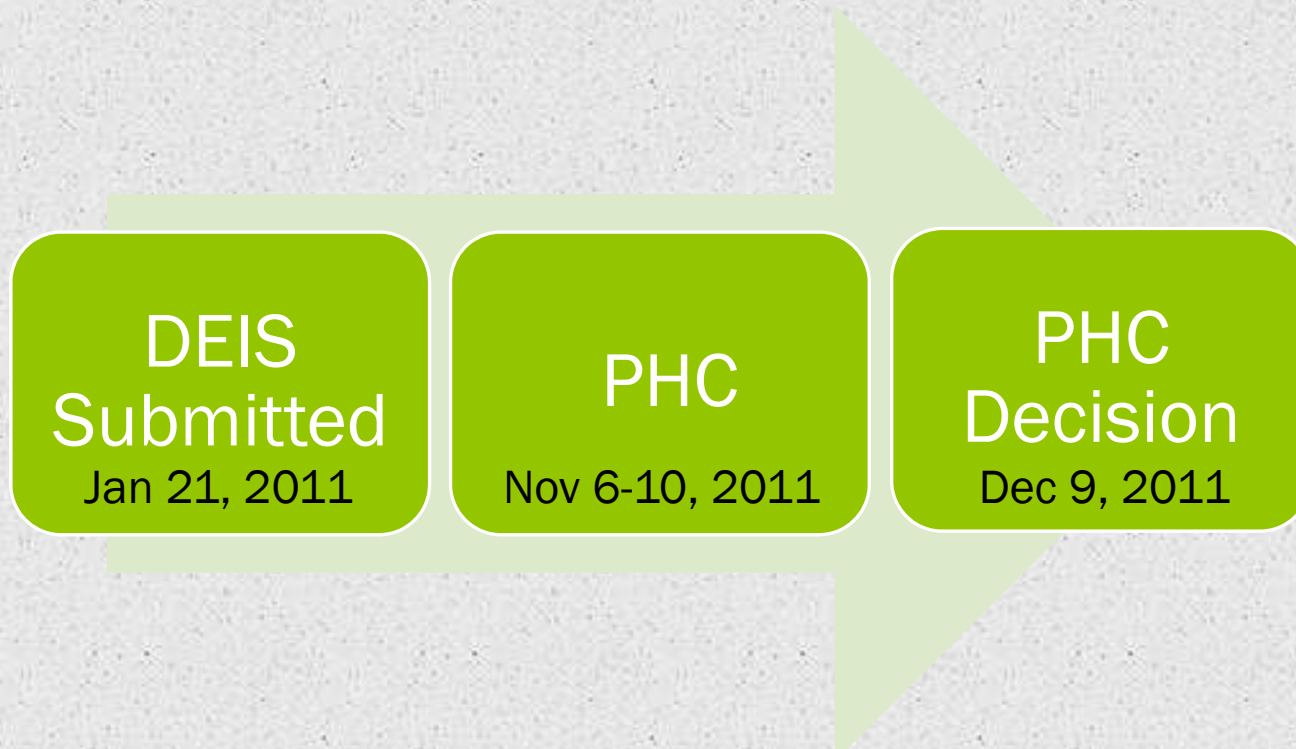
Review Timeline and Next Steps

NIRB Review Timeline



PHASE 1: Scoping and Guidelines Development
February – November, 2009

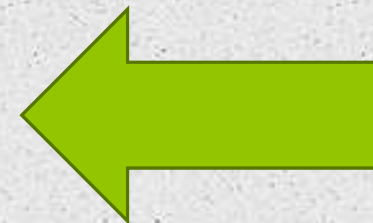
NIRB Review Timeline



PHASE 2: Technical Review of Draft EIS
January - December, 2011

NIRB Review Timeline

14/02/12	Proponent provides Final EIS submission
29/02/12	Internal NIRB FEIS compliance review
29/02/12	FEIS accepted 90 day technical review period begins
30/03/12	Information Requests (IRs) submitted
19/04/12	IR Response package submitted
01/05/12- 03/05/12	Technical Meeting
30/05/12	Final Written Submissions due
16/07/12- 28/07/12	Final Hearings in Iqaluit, Igloolik And Pond Inlet



PHASE 3: Technical Review
of Final EIS
Commenced Feb 14, 2012

Next Steps

Technical
Meeting

May 1-3

Final Written
Submissions

May 30

Final
Hearing

July 16-28

Final Written Submissions will be accepted by NIRB until May 30, 2012

Final Hearing will be held in Iqaluit, Igloolik and Pond Inlet

Next Steps

NIRB Final
Report
Sept 12

Minister's
Decision

Project
Certificate

IF the NIRB's Final Hearing Report recommends approval of the Project AND IF the Minister accepts the NIRB's recommendation and approves the Project, the NIRB will be required to issue a **Project Certificate**.



The Final Hearing

What to Expect

Formulation of Issues

- Issues to be decided at the Hearing:
 - In the coming week, the NIRB will formulate and distribute a listing of key issues to be decided at the Final Hearing
 - Other issues as identified in final written submissions will also be considered
- NIRB has provided an indication of parties expected to attend
- Public notice of Final Hearing will be published in the coming week
 - Will contain direction and timeline for requests for intervenor status

Final Written Submissions

- o Submissions from Parties due **May 30**
- o Direction on format provided April 27
 - o Executive Summary in English & Inuktitut
 - o Table of Contents
 - o Introduction
 - o Specific comments
 - o Recommendations
- o It is recommended that, where possible, technical submissions be accompanied by a statement setting out the technical qualifications of the persons who prepared it
- o If additional items are resolved post-submissions and prior to the Final Hearing, additional statements may be filed

Final Hearing Logistics

- o Final Hearing is chaired by the NIRB Chairperson with all board members present
- o Simultaneous English-Inuktitut interpretation throughout
 - o French also available upon request in advance
- o Hearing transcripts will be prepared
- o Entire public registry will be available
- o Presenters will be sworn in
- o Presenters should expect to respond to questions

Technical Presentations

- o First 3 days of Final Hearing in Iqaluit and first day in each Igloolik and Pond Inlet will focus on technical presentations
 - o Purpose is for parties to provide technical evidence to the Board for consideration
 - o Summary presentations in Igloolik and Pond Inlet
- o All technical presentations to be provided in English and Inuktitut
- o Technical presentations to be provided to NIRB in advance of the Hearing on or before **July 10**
 - o Will serve as formal exhibit – filing of additional materials at Final Hearing can be done as necessary
- o All parties are asked to bring sufficient copies of printed presentations for hearing participants and the public
 - o Anticipate approx. 100-200 participants per venue

Community Roundtables

- o Community Roundtables will allow for questioning of the Proponent and parties by community members to elicit comments, concerns and perspectives
- o The NIRB will be soliciting up to five (5) representatives from each of the 11 communities to attend the Final Hearing in Iqaluit:
 - o Community reps will attend all proceedings and will directly engage in discussions during 2 day community roundtable
 - o Community roundtables in Igloolik and Pond Inlet will be structured for local residents
- o NIRB staff will be organizing additional community information sessions in Igloolik and Pond Inlet in advance of the Final Hearing to promote public awareness and participation



IPG Coordination

NPC/NIRB Joint Review
NIRB/NWB Coordination

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- o NPC/NIRB Joint Review of NBRLUP transportation corridor application
 - o NIRB April 30, 2012 correspondence
 - o NPC to attend Iqaluit Final Hearing
- o NIRB/NWB Coordination for Type A water licence application
 - o Detailed Coordinated Process Framework
 - o Technical review comments re Type A application due to NWB on or before June 22, 2012
 - o Next steps following issuance of NIRB PC



Conclusion

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- o Direction for final written submissions provided to parties
- o Public notice of Final Hearing to be published next week
- o NIRB to formulate and provide listing of key issues for Final Hearing
- o Additional community info sessions planned
- o NPC/NIRB joint review process concluding
- o NIRB/NWB coordination continuing

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