



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT SCREENING COMMITTEE

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Subject: Decision Letter 05/25-04 Shell Canada Limited

Project Title: Soil Remediation at the Former Unipkat I-22 Wellsite, Inuvialuit Settlement Region, Northwest Territories

Proponent: Shell Canada Limited

Dear Ms. Villeneuve,

Thank you for submitting a project description ("PD") on behalf of Shell Canada Limited for the above-named Project to the Environmental Impact Screening Committee ("EISC"). For the reasons given in this Decision Letter, the EISC has decided that the development will not have a significant negative impact if authorized subject to environmental terms and conditions recommended by the EISC, and may proceed without environmental impact assessment and review pursuant to 11(17)(b) of the *Inuvialuit Final Agreement* ("IFA").

1 Jurisdiction

The EISC's mandate is derived from the s. 11(36) of the IFA, which states that "no license or approval shall be issued that would have the effect of permitting any proposed development to proceed unless the provisions of IFA s. 11(36) have been complied with".

Pursuant to s. 11(17) of the IFA, the EISC is required to determine if the proposed development could have a significant negative environmental impact and shall indicate in writing to the governmental authority competent to authorize the development that, in its view:

- (a) the development will have no such significant negative impact and may proceed without environmental impact assessment and review under this Agreement;
- (b) the development, if authorized subject to environmental terms and conditions recommended by the Screening Committee, will have no such significant negative impact and may proceed without environmental impact assessment and review under this Agreement;
- (c) the development could have significant negative impact and is subject to assessment and review under this Agreement; or
- (d) the development proposal has deficiencies of a nature that warrant a termination of its consideration and the submission of another project description.

The Proponent is responsible for providing sufficient information in its PD to enable the EISC to determine whether the development could have a significant environmental impact (see Environmental Impact Screening Guidelines, page 10).

2 Screening Process and Conflicts Review

On August 20, 2025, the EISC Chair appointed a Screening Panel (“the Panel”) of six members pursuant to s.11(9) of the IFA to conduct a screening of the Project and to make its decision pursuant to s.11(17) of the IFA. The Panel consisted of the following members: David Livingstone, Bengt Pettersson, Todd Slack, Vernon Amos, Darin Nasogaluak and Raymond Ruben.

In making its decision, the Panel considered all relevant information properly before it, including the PD and associated documents, information requests, information responses and any correspondence filed on the record. References to specific portions of the record are intended to assist the reader in understanding the EISC’s reasoning and does not mean that the EISC did not consider all relevant portions of the record.

No conflicts of interest were identified for the screening of this PD.

3 Facts

The relevant facts, and the EISC’s findings and determinations in relation to those facts, are detailed in the attached Screening Report, which is incorporated into and forms part of this Decision Letter.

4 Issue

The relevant issue for the EISC’s determination was whether the proposed Project could have a significant negative environmental impact, and if so, its view under s.11(17)(a) to (d) of the IFA.

5 Decision

After careful deliberation, the EISC delivered a s. 11(17)(b) decision:

“the development, if authorized subject to environmental terms and conditions recommended by the Screening Committee, will have no such significant negative impact and may proceed without environmental impact assessment and review under this Agreement” [IFA s.11.(17)(b)]

In reaching this s. 11(17)(b) decision, the Panel included the following terms and conditions for the authorization:

1. The Proponent shall comply with all of its commitments and mitigations as set out in the PD, associated Appendices, and information responses.

Wildlife and Wildlife Habitat

2. Any disrupted harvesting activities shall be immediately reported to the Inuvialuit Game Council (igc-rp@jointsec.nt.ca) and the relevant Hunters and Trappers Committees.
3. The Proponent shall cease its operations until harvesting in the applicable area has finished.

Fish and Fish Habitat

4. For modifications to the proposed project, the Proponent shall contact Transport Canada as soon as possible to confirm whether the proposed project changes are subject to the Canadian Navigable Waterways Act.
5. The Proponent shall ensure it follows DFO's protective measures for fish and fish habitat and standard codes of practice which can be found on DFO's website (<https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/measures-mesures-eng.html> and <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/practice-pratique-eng.html>) in order to comply with the Fisheries Act.
6. The Proponent shall review and implement any relevant Measures to protect fish and fish habitat (<https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/measures-mesures-eng.html>).
7. The Proponent shall refer to the latest version of DFO's Interim code of practice End-of-pipe fish protection screens for small water intakes in freshwater (which is available at <https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/codes/screen-ecran-eng.html>) when using fish screens and if the water intake flow is up to 0.150 m³/s, or 150 liters per second (L/s).
8. The Proponent shall notify DFO if they have caused, or are about to cause, the death of fish by means other than fishing, and/or the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat. Such notifications should be directed to DFO.ARCENTriage-TriageGEARC.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Soil Qualify, Water Quality and Vegetation Communities

9. The Proponent shall notify the GNWT Spill Line and any relevant HTC's of any spill(s) over the reportable spill quantities.
10. For any spills within the water, the Proponent shall also notify the Fisheries Joint Management Council ("FJMC").

Waste Management

11. The Proponent shall ensure it has the proper approvals and permits to dispose or combust waste.

Permafrost Protection

12. If the proposed plan to use treated soil and drill cuttings is insufficient for backfilling the excavated areas, ensure that additional materials are acquired to fill the excavated areas and protect the permafrost.

6 Conclusion

The Screening Report and the Decision Form for this project are attached and will be placed on the file held in the EISC Registry. It is the Proponent's responsibility to identify and obtain any required licenses/permits prior to proceeding with the above project.

If you have any questions regarding this decision, please contact me directly at 1-867-777-2828 Ext 2138 or by e-mail: eisc@jointsec.nt.ca.

Sincerely,

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Coordinator, Environmental Impact Screening Committee

Attachments:

- 1) EISC Decision Form
- 2) Screening Report

cc: EISC Distribution List

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