

Good morning,

This is a follow-up regarding the federal impact assessment of the Crawford Nickel Project (the Project), proposed by Canada Nickel Company (the proponent).

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) conducted a public comment period from August 8 to September 7, 2022 to invite input from the public, Indigenous groups, federal authorities, provincial ministries, and municipalities on the Initial Project Description and any issues that they consider relevant to the Project. To support public participation during the comment period, the Agency held virtual information sharing and discussion sessions on August 18 and 23, 2022, to provide information about the Project and the impact assessment process. Thank you to those of you who provided comments.

The Summary of Issues document, which reflects the comments received by the Agency in conjunction with the information already available in the proponent's Initial Project Description, is available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry page for the Project at <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/145202?culture=en-CA>). The Registry also includes the original comments that were received from the public, Indigenous groups, federal authorities, provincial ministries, and municipalities.

Next steps

Pursuant to the Impact Assessment Act (IAA), the proponent must provide the Agency with a Detailed Project Description that includes information on how it intends to address the issues in the Summary of Issues.

For your information: Any proponent may notify the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change that it wishes to suspend the 180-day time limit of the planning phase of the impact assessment process to provide itself more time to prepare the Detailed Project Description, along with their response to the Summary of Issues. If such a request is received and accepted, the Agency would post a notice on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry website for the Project and would notify participating public groups.

The Detailed Project Description and the proponent's responses to the Summary of Issues will inform the Agency's decision of whether an impact assessment is required for the Project. If an impact assessment is required, the public will have additional opportunities to comment over the course of the impact assessment process.

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If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me by email at Crawford@iaac-aeic.gc.ca.

Inclusion in the Agency's distribution list

The Agency is contacting you as it has identified that you or your organization may have an interest in the Project; or because you have participated in the information sharing and discussion sessions; and/or submitted comments on the Project. Should you wish to be removed from the Agency's distribution list, please notify the Agency at the email address above.

Thank you,

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Crawford Nickel Project

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