

Dear Chief Dylan Whiteduck:

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) has reviewed the Detailed Project Description submitted by Canada Nickel Company (the Proponent) for the Crawford Nickel Project (the Project), which includes the Proponent's Response to the Summary of Issues provided by the Agency. Based on the Agency's review of the Detailed Project Description and in consideration of comments received to date from Indigenous communities, federal and provincial government experts, and the public, the Agency has decided that a federal impact assessment is required for the Project.

The Summary of Issues, Detailed Project Description including a Response to the Summary of Issues, and the Agency's notice that an impact assessment is required are available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (the Registry) internet site: <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/83857>. At this site you will also find links to the comments received from participants to date. The 180-day time limit for the Planning Phase has resumed as of December 12, 2022.

Next Steps:

Pursuant to the Impact Assessment Act, once a decision is made to require a federal impact assessment, the Agency develops a series of plans to define the scope, content, and conduct of the assessment.

In February 2023, the Agency will hold a 30-day comment period on the following planning documents:

- draft Tailored Impact Statement Guidelines
- draft Public Participation Plan
- draft Permitting Plan
- draft Cooperation Plan
- draft Indigenous Engagement and Partnership Plan.

The Agency will then finalize and post the final planning documents with the Notice of Commencement for the impact assessment by Day 180 of the Planning Phase. For a description of each of these required documents, please see the Agency's Practitioner's Guide to Federal Impact Assessments under the Impact Assessment Act.

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

IMPORTANT NOTE: Information submitted to the Agency to inform this project assessment may be posted online to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (Reference #83857) subject to certain exceptions related to privacy, security or confidentiality. The Agency's Submission Policy describes what submitted information can be shared publicly, and what should remain private. For more information on how we protect your privacy, please refer to the Privacy Notice.

Should you wish to provide any comments or documents that contain confidential or sensitive information that should be protected from release to the public, please contact the Agency at Crawford@iaac-aeic.gc.ca before submitting the information.

Thank you,

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