

Topic	Issue	Ranking	Rationale
<i>Air Quality</i>	Assessment of project emissions by dispersion modeling, etc. to determine impacts (Identified during the scoping session but not in the MVEIRB list of issues)	High	Ranked high since without an assessment, the effects of the project cannot be determined.
<i>Air Quality</i>	Determining cumulative effects from other emission sources (Identified during the scoping session but not in the MVEIRB list of issues)	High	Environmental impacts know no lease boundaries: impacts cannot be determined in isolation
<i>Climate Change</i>	Increased emissions for the NWT (Identified during the scoping session but not in the MVEIRB list of issues)	High	The cumulative effects of increased emissions in the NWT needs to be considered and limits put in place to determine what level of industry activity is reasonable.
<i>Spills</i>	Handling of hydrocarbon contaminated materials (Identified during the scoping session but not in the MVEIRB list of issues)	High	Considerable volumes can be generated over the life of the mine and they pose a potential long term liability.
<i>Spills</i>	Contingency planning for major spills (Identified during the scoping session but not in the MVEIRB list of issues)	Moderate	Prevention methods, trained staff and a good contingency plan will help offset potential disasters.
<i>Hazardous Materials Management</i>	Handling and disposal of hazardous materials(Identified during the scoping session but not in the MVEIRB list of issues)	High	A hazardous waste management plan is not enough. More effort needs to be placed on finding new materials that are less toxic/bioaccumulative.
<i>Waste Management</i>	Minimizing the mine footprint through waste reduction and management. (Identified during the scoping session but not in the MVEIRB list of issues)	High	The proponent's emphasis will help advance technologies for more efficient packaging, bulk purchasing, and more environmentally friendly products.

Closure	Mine design should consider best closure options (Identified during the scoping session but not in the MVEIRB list of issues)	High	Designing for closure can reduce the environmental impact of the project.
Emergency Measures	Absence of volunteer personnel	Moderate	Significance high and likelihood moderate - if most/all of volunteer fire fighting force on rotation at same time, limited/no fire fighting abilities in community.
For carnivores, caribou and species at risk	Cumulative impacts on site to individuals	High	Individual project activities in and of themselves may be inconsequential but together may have significant effects on an individual animal
	Cumulative impacts regionally acting on populations	High	The project in and of itself may not have a significant impact at the population level but all activities in the region acting cumulative may have
Sustainable Economy	Total expected extracted value and amount of diamonds.	High	May impact sustainability of the diamond mining industry and future opportunities.
Impacts on Individual's, Families and Community Well Being	Potential impacts of the project on the health and social well being of individuals, families and communities. These could range from community-level impacts such as the effect of increasing income disparities on community cohesion, through family-level impacts such as marital issues arising from rotational employment and parenting issues arising from single-parenting, to individual issues such as alcohol and drug abuse and mental health problems.	High	It is known that non-renewable resource extraction activities exasperates existing social issues.

Community Capacity	Potential impacts of the project on the demand for health and social services, including such things as medical transportation, emergency medical services, hospital utilization, and the need for increased public health services, environmental health and social programs.	High	Existing health and social services are operating at capacity.
Employment	Sustainable Employment and Training.	High	Employment opportunities needs to provide skills that will be transferable to other areas and will provide individuals the opportunity for employment in other areas after the mine is shut down.
	Maximizing Employment and Training Opportunities for Women	High	Women need to benefit from all training and employment opportunities available to other northerners. The stats show that the numbers of women employed is substantially low and therefore to increase and maximize their ability to take part, there should be training and employment opportunities specifically geared towards them.

<i>Training</i>	Sustainable Training	High	The Proponent needs to provide training to Northerners in areas that will be useable after the mine closes. The proponent should to provide funding to develop training programs that will develop skills that can be used before, during and after the Mine. With all the Projects happening in the NWT, and the lack of available workforce, we need to start looking at providing for long term sustainability in the form of training in different areas that all northerners can access to offer them skills for the long term.
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Please note an issue ranked low by the GNWT is still an issue of concern to the GNWT. The ranking is relative to the