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## Climate Change Community Consultations

**ARVIAT, Nunavut (August 26, 2014)** – Communities, Inuit organizations and university researchers have started mapping areas throughout Nunavut vulnerable to the effects of climate change, in collaboration with the Government of Nunavut Departments of Community and Government Services and Environment.

“The goal of this project is to understand how permafrost is shifting in Nunavut and how it will influence current and future development in communities,” said Johnny Mike, Minister of Environment. “Nunavummiut will be affected more and more by climate change and we must be able to plan accordingly.”

Beginning in Arviat, this project shares hazard maps showing areas particularly susceptible to the effects of climate change. The Government of Nunavut, hamlet councils and community members will use the maps to ensure future building projects remain stable and safe in the face of climate change.

The program also educates the public about the challenges climate change poses to communities and how they can mitigate these effects. Beginning this week, outreach efforts in Arviat include focus group meetings with elders to get their feedback on the project, meetings with hamlet staff to discuss how the hazard maps can be used to plan future developments, and youth engagement activities, including a radio call-in show hosted by Arviat youth.

Maps for seven Nunavut communities will initially be produced, with the hope of continuing to develop these resources for all territorial communities in the coming years.

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