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Reg. # 2206

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Dear Darren Dinsmore:

Re: Happy Valley-Goose Bay Regional Abattoir (the Project)

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental environmental assessment screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by Part X of the Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Please be advised that the Project undertaking is **released** from further environmental assessment, subject to the following conditions:

- You are required to uphold all commitments made in your environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the Project on the environment.
- The Pollution Prevention Division of my Department requires that a detailed Waste Management Plan (WMP) that addresses all waste streams produced by the undertaking, including liquid and solid waste, be submitted for approval prior to the commencement of operations. The WMP must incorporate composting management and should be developed in conjunction with the Department of Fisheries Forestry and Agriculture and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, and describe how to safely and effectively compost waste offal, including the separate composting of specified risk material. The plan should also include details pertaining to vector and odor control and contingencies for any spills of waste or hazardous materials. For further information, please contact the Pollution Prevention Division at (709) 729-5782.
- The Water Resources Management Division of my Department requires a Water Resources Management Plan to ensure the safe disposal of process water and storm water runoff from the facility without causing any environmental impact to the nearby waterbodies. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-1229.

- You are required to advise the Environmental Assessment Division when the conditions of release have been met, by emailing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) to demonstrate that the conditions have been fulfilled to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.
- You are required to update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of the Project, including a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the Project, one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates if required. Please email the Project updates to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

Federal and provincial government departments and agencies that reviewed the Project during the environmental assessment provide the following advice:

The Pollution Prevention Division advises that the proposed facility should operate in accordance with the Environmental Standards for Compost Facilities <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/files/Guidance-Document-GD-PPD-048.6-Environmental-Standards-for-Compost-Facilities.pdf>. The Pollution Prevention Division further advises that a contingency plan specific to this Project be developed to enable a quick and effective response to a spill event. For further information, please contact the Pollution Prevention Division at (709) 729-5782.

The Water Resources Management Division advises that a permit is required for Constructing a Non-Domestic Well as well as any necessary groundwater monitoring requirements, prior to the start of construction. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-1646.

The Government Service Centre (GSC) of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL requires that an application must be made for Fire/Life Safety and Building Accessibility reviews/approvals, an electrical permit is required for each meter, and electrical plans must be submitted for review/approval, and plans for proposed water and sewage system must be submitted by an approved designer for approval. Additionally, the facility and operations must also comply with the Food Premises Regulations and a Food Premises Licence is required if there will be secondary meat processing. Abattoirs are subject to inspection by the GSC and a licence to construct and operate an abattoir shall be approved by the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture. For further information, please contact the Government Service Centre at (709) 896-3977.

The Occupational Health and Safety Division (OHS) of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL advises generally that you must ensure that activities are conducted in compliance with the **Occupational Health and Safety Act** and its regulations. This includes the responsibility for ensuring that contractors hired to perform work also comply with this legislation, as per Occupational Health and Safety. OHS



recommends that you prepare an emergency response plan to address any foreseeable mishap specific to the undertaking. For more information, please contact Occupational Health and Safety Division at (709) 729-3275.

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture (FFA) advises you to operate under established legislation and regulations to avoid or minimize adverse impacts, and to participate in the farm registration program, administered by the Agriculture Production and Research Division. FFA further advises that if Agriculture Lease No. 130911 is required for a term longer than its expiry date, you must submit a new application for consideration. For further information please contact Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture at (709) 637-2353.

The Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs advises you to consult with the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay for any permits required for work within its municipal boundary.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada advises that the modernized **Fisheries Act** includes fish and fish habitat protection provisions which came into effect on August 28, 2019. If you are conducting work in or near water you should refer to the Projects Near Water website for information on how to comply with the **Fisheries Act**, as well as, information on the project review process. The "Projects Near Water" website is located at <http://www.dfo-mpo.ac.ca/Dnw-ppe/index-ena.html>. For more information, please contact the Fisheries Protection Program at (709) 772-4140.

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) recommends that you prepare the following plans;

- Oil Spill Prevention and Response Plan that includes wildlife response activities;
- Contingency plan that considers potential accidents and malfunctions for site-specific activities;
- Gull Management Plan; and
- Wetland Compensation Plan.

ECCC further advises that in order to avoid nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory songbirds and waterfowl, operations should consider nesting locations between April 15 and August 15 in this region. The Canadian Wildlife Service of the ECCC provides a list of avian and non-avian species that are listed on Schedule 1 of the **Species at Risk Act**, and requests that any sightings be reported to ec.scfatdonneesei-cwsatlidata.ec@ec.ac.ca. The **Species at Risk Act** "General prohibitions" apply to this project, and ECCC recommends that you complete an analysis of potential impacts on the migratory birds listed on Schedule 1 and take measures to avoid or lessen those effects. For more information, please contact ECCC-Canadian Wildlife Service at (709) 772-4221.



Although the undertaking as proposed is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. You shall comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You are required to inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

Please note that in accordance with Section 17 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, my decision is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter. If you have not commenced the Project within this three-year period, you may apply to extend the term of my decision for a maximum of three periods of one year. Should the term of my decision expire, the Project will have to be registered again for environmental assessment, if you wish to proceed. For further information, please email EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

If you have any questions about the environmental assessment process, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director of the Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or email joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Hon. Bernard Davis, MHA.

HON. BERNARD DAVIS, MHA
District of Virginia Waters – Pleasantville
Minister

Enclosures

Cc: Perry Trimper, MHA - District of Lake Melville