

Environment and Climate Change

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Environmental Assessment Bulletin

The Honourable Lisa Dempster, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, has announced the following relative to Environmental Assessment - Part 10 - of the **Environmental Protection Act**.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT REQUIRED AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTED:

Botwood and Area EVREC Green Energy Project (Reg. 2327)
Proponent: Exploits Valley Renewable Energy Corporation (EVREC)

The Minister has advised the Proponent that an environmental impact statement (EIS) is required for the Project. Additional information is needed to inform the Minister of the following, including, but not limited to:

- scope of the Project;
- source water supply, water balance, and water resources management;
- greenhouse gas emissions;
- power supply from the provincial grid;
- waste management plans;
- erosion and sediment and control measures;
- air quality, emissions and fogging;
- wastewater, effluent streams and outfall locations;
- potential human health impacts;
- noise, shadow flicker and solar glare;
- location of Project components, including but not limited to:
 - wind turbines;
 - worker accommodations;
 - offices;
 - explosive storage facilities;
 - access roads and heavy haul roads;
 - power lines and substations;
 - setbacks and proximity to sensitive receptors;
- flora and fauna, including, but not limited to:
 - terrestrial fauna;
 - avifauna;
 - bats;
 - fish and fish habitat;
 - species at risk and species of special concern;
- archaeological resources;
- outfitters; and
- occupational information.

An Environmental Assessment Committee (EAC) has been appointed to provide scientific and technical advice to the Minister and to draft guidelines for the Proponent in preparing the EIS. The public will be invited to provide comment on the draft guidelines. For further information on this Project, please contact Eric Watton at (709) 729-0834 or email ericwatton@gov.nl.ca.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

Botwood Flower's Hill Quarry (Reg. 2287)
Proponent: C&H Construction

The Project is released from environmental assessment subject to conditions as outlined in the Minister's decision letter available on the Department's Project web page at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/projects/project-2287>

Atlantic Lake to Gulp Pond Exploration Access Road (Reg. 2326)
Proponent: First Atlantic Nickel Corp.

The Project is released from environmental assessment subject to the conditions as outlined in the Minister's decision letter available on the Department's Project web page at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/projects/project-2326/>.

Aspen Brook Quarry Project (Reg. 2329)
Proponent: Newcrete Investments Ltd.

The Project is released from environmental assessment subject to conditions as outlined in the Minister's decision letter available on the Department's Project web page at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/projects/project-2329>

Deer Lake Residential and Commercial Subdivision Project (Reg. 2330)
Proponent: V and J Tectonic Inc.

The Project is released from environmental assessment subject to the conditions as outlined in the Minister's decision letter available on the Department's Project web page at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/projects/project-2330/>

Trinity Bay Ferrish Cove ATV Trail Project (Reg. 2331)
Proponent: David Soper

The Project is released from environmental assessment subject to the conditions as outlined in the Minister's decision letter available on the Department's Project web page at <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/projects/project-2331/>.

Learn more

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Environmental assessment information is available at:

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/env-assessment/>

https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/files/GUIDE-TO-THE-PROCESS_Jan-2024.pdf

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Project comments may be sent to: EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca

Anyone submitting comments on a Project under environmental assessment is asked to please advise the Department if they DO NOT wish to have their comments shared with the Project Proponent.

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