

Environment and Climate Change

February 13, 2025

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**.

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Beaver Brook Bridge Removal

(Reg. 2344)

Proponent: Gander Bay Indian Band Council (GBIBC)

The proponent is proposing to remove a collapsed bridge located at Beaver Brook, near Gander Bay that is creating a barrier for fish migration to spawning grounds. The project would span approximately three weeks between June 1 and September 30 when water levels are at their lowest. A description of the project can be found on the Department of Environment and Climate Change website at: www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/env-assessment/projects-list/.

The undertaking was registered on February 13, 2025. The deadline for public comments is March 20, 2025, and the minister's decision is due by March 30, 2025.

UNDERTAKING RELEASED:

New Nain Airport

(Reg. 2280)

Proponent: Nunatsiavut Government

The project has been released from environmental assessment subject to conditions as outlined in the minister's decision letter available on the Department of Environment and Climate Change website at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/projects/project-2280/>.

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT GUIDELINES AND PUBLIC REVIEW:

Botwood and Area EVREC Green Energy Project

(Reg. 2327)

Proponent: Exploits Valley Renewable Energy Corporation (EVREC)

The proposed Botwood and Area EVREC Green Energy Project is undergoing an environmental assessment, and an environmental impact statement (EIS) is required. The Environmental Assessment Committee (EAC) has prepared draft EIS Guidelines that identify information that must be included in the EIS. The public is invited to review these guidelines and provide written comments by March 26, 2025. Comments received will be considered before final EIS guidelines are issued to the proponent.

More information on the project is available on the Department of Environment and Climate Change website at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/projects/project-2327/>.

Written comments must be submitted by March 26, 2025, to:

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Environmental assessment information is available at:

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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 should notify the Department of Environment and Climate Change if they DO NOT wish to have their comments shared with the project proponent.

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