

Environment and Climate Change

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Environmental Assessment Bulletin

The Honourable Perry Trimper, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the *Environmental Protection Act*.

ENVIRONMENTAL PREVIEW REPORT GUIDELINES APPROVED:

Argentia Access Road Industrial Composting Facility (Reg. 1838)

Proponent: Metro Environmental Services Limited

The minister has approved the guidelines for the preparation of the environmental preview report (EPR) for the proposed Argentia Access Road Composting Facility. The EPR guidelines identify the information that the proponent will be required to include in the report. The EPR guidelines document is available on the Department of Environment and Climate Change website at:

http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/env_assessment/projects/Y2016/1838/index.html or by contacting the Chair of the environmental assessment committee, Joanne Sweeney, at (709) 729-2822; or email joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca. The public will be invited to provide comments on the EPR upon its submission.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT GUIDELINES APPROVED:

Big Triangle Pond Mineral Exploration and Access Road (Reg. 1725)

Proponent: Eagleridge International Ltd.

The minister has approved the final guidelines for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Big Triangle Mineral Exploration and Access Road Project. The EIS guidelines document identifies the information that the proponent will need to address in the preparation of the EIS. The EIS guidelines document is available on the Department of Environment and Climate Change website at:

http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/env_assessment/projects/Y2013/1725/index.html

A copy of the EIS Guidelines document can also be obtained by contacting:

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ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE:

Big Triangle Mineral Exploration and Access Road Project (Reg. 1725)

Proponent: Eagleridge International Limited

A representative from the Water Resources Management Division has been appointed to the previously established Environmental Assessment Committee (EAC). The EAC provides

scientific and technical advice to the minister and prepared the draft guidelines for conducting the EIS. The EAC now has representation from the following government agencies:

- Department of Environment and Conservation;
 - Environmental Assessment Division – Committee Chairperson;
 - Parks and Natural Areas;
 - Wildlife Division;
 - Water Resources Management Division;
- Department of Municipal Affairs;
- Department of Natural Resources;
- Department of Transportation and Works; and,
- Department of Business, Tourism, Culture and Rural Development.

UNDERTAKING RELEASED FROM FURTHER ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

Grand Falls Main Dam Rehabilitation

(Reg. 1844)

Proponent: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro

The project is released from further environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- Prior to the start of construction, the proponent must apply for and obtain a water use licence under the *Water Resources Act*, 2002 for the use of water from all bodies of water for water power generation purpose at Grand Falls hydroelectric power generating development as well as water use licences for Star Lake, Bishop's Falls and Buchans hydroelectric power generating developments. These applications must be submitted during the month of September 2016 to enable review, evaluation and processing.
- Prior to the start of construction, the proponent must apply for and obtain a permit under the *Water Resources Act*, 2002, specifically Section 48 for any work in any body of water (including wetland), including but is not limited to, bridges and dams with the need for a Site Drainage Plan. These applications must be submitted during the month of November 2016 to enable review, evaluation and processing.
- The following information must be submitted to the Department:
 - A Site Drainage Plan;
 - The 2016 flood study and the revised flood inundation mapping for the entire Exploits River including digital GIS layer of mapping, upon completion;
 - A revised Emergency Preparedness Plan/Emergency Response Plan (EPP/ERP), following completion of the Exploits River flood study;
 - Flood Risk and Vulnerability Analysis Report, AMEC, 2012;
 - 2012 update on dam stability, if available; and,
 - Revised Operation, Maintenance & Surveillance (OSM) Manual, upon completion.
- The proponent shall test the existing Emergency Preparedness Plan/Emergency Response Plan (EPP/ERP) prior to the proposed work.
- The proponent is required to adhere to the Memorandum of Agreement as set forth by the Department of Environment and Climate Change relating to the operation of

hydrometric and climate stations for the Exploits River. The Department may require the setup of additional monitoring stations, including visual webcamera monitoring stations, in the Memorandum of Agreement as per provisions of Section 31 of the *Water Resources Act*, SNL2002 Chapter W-4.0.

- A Women's Employment Plan must be developed for the project and approved by the Women's Policy Office.

For further information on the environmental assessment process, please contact the Director of Environmental Assessment at (709) 729-0673 or toll-free: 1-800-563-6181 or by mail to:

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