

Municipal Affairs and Environment

October 10, 2019

Environmental Assessment Bulletin

The Honourable Derrick Bragg, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment, has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Come By Chance Refinery Crude Connecting Line

(Reg. 2052)

Proponent: NARL Refining Limited

The proponent proposes to construct a 2.5 kilometre crude oil transfer line connecting the NARL refinery with the adjacent Newfoundland Transshipment Limited Terminal facility at Come By Chance. The steel, 106-centimetre above ground crude oil connection line will follow a direct path between NARL and the Newfoundland Transshipment Limited Terminal.

The undertaking was registered on October 9, 2019; the deadline for public comments is November 14, 2019; and the minister's decision is due by November 23, 2019.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PLAN APPROVED:

Point au Gaul Breakwater Upgrades Project

(Reg. 1989)

Proponent: Town of Point au Gaul

The environmental protection plan for the Point au Gaul Breakwater Upgrades Project has been approved. The environmental protection plan was a condition of release of the project from further environmental assessment.

ENVIRONMENTAL PREVIEW REPORTS REQUIRED:

Come By Chance Delayed Coker Project

(Reg. 2037)

Proponent: NARL Fuels LP

The minister has advised the proponent that an Environmental Preview Report (EPR) is required for this project. Additional information is required, including, but not limited to: production rates, crude feedstocks, flow and management of products/by-products; sulphur dioxide (SO_2) emission profile; new tanks and dyke construction details; emission controls at the coke conveying and storage system; greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; plans for gas turbines or internal combustion engines; occupational information for construction and operations phase; and, effects on noise, water and air quality for nearby communities. An Environmental Assessment Committee will be

appointed to provide scientific and technical advice to the minister and guidance regarding the information requirements to the proponent.

Come By Chance Refinery Efficiency and Flexibility Project (Reg. 2042)
Proponent: NARL Fuels LP

The minister has advised the proponent that an Environmental Preview Report (EPR) is required for this project. Additional information is required, including, but not limited to: details explaining the 40% reduction in sulphur dioxide (SO₂) emissions; more details of the pre-fractionation column, heat exchangers, overhead drum system, and overhead condenser; quantification of the increase in sour water stripper and its impact on treatment; further information on Best Available Control Technology; occupational information for construction phase; and, effects on water and air quality for nearby communities. An Environmental Assessment Committee will be appointed to provide scientific and technical advice to the minister and guidance regarding the information requirements to the proponent.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

Springdale Terminal Station Flood Control Berm (Reg. 2046)
Proponent: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro

The project is released subject to the following conditions:

- No vegetation clearing is to occur within 800 metres of a bald eagle or osprey nest during the nesting season (March 15 to July 31) and 200 metres during the remainder of the year. The 200 metre buffer also applies to all other raptor nests (e.g. Northern Goshawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Merlin, American Kestrel, Great-horned Owl, Boreal Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl). The location of any raptor nest site must be reported to the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources, Forestry and Wildlife Branch, Wildlife Division, at (709) 637-2025.
- A minimum 30-metre undisturbed vegetated buffer is required along all waterbodies and wetlands that appear on a 1:50,000 topographic map to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat. For further information on buffers, please contact the Forestry and Wildlife Branch, Wildlife Division at (709) 637-2025.

Rocky River, Colinet Fishway Diversion Wall (Reg. 2047)
Proponent: Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada

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