



# **ENVIRONMENTAL PREVIEW REPORT GUIDELINES**

for the

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Argentia Renewables Wind LP

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PREVIEW REPORT GUIDELINES

The following guidelines are intended to assist Argentia Renewables Wind LP (the Proponent) with the preparation of the environmental preview report (EPR) for the proposed Argentia Renewables Project (the Project). The EPR is a report that presents the results of an investigation based on readily available information and original data collection if needed, that supplements the information provided by the Proponent upon registration of the undertaking.

The EPR shall include and update information provided in the original registration document and focus on information gaps identified during the government and public review, as presented in the EPR guidelines. The EPR must address the requirements outlined in the EPR guidelines. Where the Proponent is of the opinion that the information should not be required, the Proponent shall contact the environmental assessment committee (EAC) to indicate the rationale for not including it, prior to submitting the EPR. The rationale for not including the information must also be provided in the EPR. The Proponent shall identify in the EPR any changes made to the Project as originally proposed in the Registration document that may result in a different set of effects and may require a reconsideration of information requirements.

For clarity and ease of reference, the EPR shall include a Table of Concordance that cross-references the EPR guidelines so that information requirements in the guidelines are easily located in the EPR.

The contents of the EPR should be organized according to the following format:

### **1. NAME OF UNDERTAKING**

The undertaking has been assigned the Name “Argentia Renewables Project.”

### **2. PROPONENT**

- a. Name of the Proponent and the corporate body, if any.
- b. Name of the chief executive officer if a corporate body.
- c. Name and provide the official title of the principal contact person for purposes of environmental assessment.

### **3. THE UNDERTAKING**

- a. State the nature of the Project.
- b. State the purpose/rationale/need for the Project. If the proposal is in response to an established need, this should be clearly stated. Identify needs that are immediate as well as potential future needs.

### **4. DESCRIPTION OF THE UNDERTAKING**

Provide a complete overview of the Project in the following subsections, including the preferred choice of Project location, design, construction, operation and maintenance,

and decommissioning and rehabilitation.

#### **4.1 Geographical Location/Physical Components/Existing Environment**

This section shall provide a written description and geographic locations (including maps and imagery) of all Project components and the existing environment that may be affected by the Project, including but not limited to, the following:

- a. detailed information on the source water supply for hydrogen and ammonia production and supporting facilities and infrastructure, including:
  - i. a description of the protected public water supply area (PPWSA);
  - ii. location of the water intake for the Project; and
  - iii. water quality monitoring locations;
- b. identification of all streams, waterbodies, and wetlands located within the Project footprint;
- c. outfall location(s) for the hydrogen and ammonia production facility being considered for the final discharge point(s) with clearly defined maps and relevant information related to the site(s), including but not limited to:
  - i. outfall design and associated infrastructure;
  - ii. benefits and limitations of the site(s);
  - iii. other users and potential conflicts of interest; and
  - iv. information on coastal areas and estuaries including location of eel grass beds;
- d. clarification on the location(s) of sanitary wastewater discharge from Project infrastructure;
- e. characterization of all sources of wastewater to fully understand the impacts on marine water quality and to develop appropriate mitigation measures throughout the Project lifecycle;
- f. characterization of the receiving environment for wastewater with updated references to fully understand the impacts on marine water quality and support the development of appropriate mitigation measures. Characterization of the receiving waters should occur before and after construction and describe, at minimum, a detailed study design that includes sampling and analysis methods that meet the above objectives;
- g. updated references for the sources of information describing the freshwater and marine environments in the Proponent's environmental assessment registration document (registration document);
- h. further information on flora and fauna in addition to the information provided in the registration document, including, but not limited to:
  - i. flora and fauna surveys for the entire Project footprint, including the proposed turbine locations, new and upgraded roads and trails, the Project Interconnect Line, and all other areas where ground disturbance, in-water works, or vegetation clearing is anticipated to occur;
  - ii. additional information to describe fish and fish habitat, fish surveys and the recreational fishery in the Project vicinity, including:
    - o methodology for all fish sampling surveys described in the

registration document;

- the process used to select field sites versus those given desktop review and relative proportions by percent of each;
- rationale for describing sites as non-fish bearing;
- rationale for describing juvenile salmonids as landlocked;
- Ouananiche age data;
- sample sizes for electrofishing surveys reported in the registration document, and at least one other season of sampling data and analyses (consult with the Wildlife Division for details regarding sampling techniques, required sample sizes, and other methodologies);
- a field-based habitat assessment of at least 100 metres above and below all streams crossed or intersected by the undertaking to identify spawning and rearing habitats for salmonids; and
- social and creel surveys related to recreational inland fisheries, conducted and presented as a scientific report detailing methods, results, and discussion (consult with the Wildlife Division for survey details);

iii. a commitment to include location and details on any new waterbody or watercourse crossings related to quarry access roads and to include these in **Fisheries Act** reviews if they are deemed to have potential for fish presence;

iv. further details on bats to complete information gaps in the registration document regarding bat survey data, methods, habitat, species list, mitigation and curtailment, including, but not limited to:

- a discussion on how the habitat suitability study previously conducted:
  - informed acoustic monitoring;
  - illustrated where turbine locations would impede highly suitable bat habitat; and
  - informed the potential bat mortality estimates post-construction phase;
- a discussion on how the collected bat data will be used to inform Project site selection and turbine micro-siting to avoid higher risk areas for bats;
- an updated bat report that clarifies whether species identifications for Little Brown Myotis and Northern Myotis were based on manual verifications and vetted by biologists according to McBurney and Segers (2021);
- additional information to describe the timing of Silver-haired Bat calls in Year 2 of acoustic monitoring including dates and times of the significant migratory bat activity at ARG BAT 2 and ARG BAT 5, along with photographs of the site at ARG BAT 2;
- additional information on the depth of the bunkers extending underground and discussion on their potential as roost sites or hibernacula; and

- o details of the Project Interconnect Line and its interaction with bats, informed by data to be requested from the Atlantic Canada Conservation Data Centre (AC-CDC);
- v. further details on avifauna regarding point-count methodology employed described in the registration document, including start and end times and date range;
- vi. further details on species at risk (survey methods, full Project area consideration and species list) including, but not limited to:
  - o AC-CDC data and updated information for all species at risk (SAR) and species of conservation concern (SOCC) for the Project Interconnect Line;
  - o a targeted Short-eared Owl survey must be undertaken during the breeding season (April-August) and results, including geospatial data, reported to the Wildlife Division; and;
  - o Muskrat surveys must be conducted in accordance with protocol obtained from the Wildlife Division and reported to the Wildlife Division;
- vii. methodology used to identify high priority survey areas for the Boreal Felt lichen/Graceful Felt Lichen, including how forest inventory age classes, forest density, slope, proximity of wetlands or waterbodies and other relevant factors were considered;
- viii. verification of detected unknown plant species, Upright Sedge (*Carex stricta*) and Woodland Strawberry (*Fragaria vesca*), provision of a specimen to the Wildlife Division for verification of *C. stricta* and either a specimen or photographs of several leaves for verification of *F. vesca*;
- ix. further details on the lichen survey and vascular plant survey and the submission of detailed scientific reports to the Wildlife Division which present methods, data, results, and discussions of potential Project effects on plants. Digital data products, geospatial location coordinates, survey tracks, and photos of the rarest species encountered must be included. Additional information is required regarding the records for Water Pygmyweed (*Tillaea aquatica*), including number of individuals detected and geospatial location data for each individual/clump;
- x. further details on methodology used to identify high priority survey areas for rare flora, including how forest inventory age classes, forest density, slope, proximity of wetlands or waterbodies, were considered, and whether flowing watercourses or exposed volcanic bedrock they targeted for source locations; and
- xi. further surveys for insects including species-specific surveys for the Suckley's Cuckoo Bumble Bee, Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee and Transverse Lady Beetle (along with Yellow-banded Bumble Bee) and provide survey results to the Wildlife Division;

i. further details on methodology used to generate the Ecological Land Classification (ELC), as described in the registration document, including, but not limited to:

- i. the source and resolution of the imagery;
- ii. the spectral bands that were used to develop the ELC;

- iii. classification methods;
- iv. Use of the Meades and Moores (1994) manual to establish the ELC generation process;
- v. whether ecotypes were derived from manual air photo interpretation alone or in combination with other GIS;
- vi. algorithm(s) used, and
- vii. number of field verification plots sampled and how they were chosen;
- j. identification of agricultural operations within and near the Project area;
- k. identification of potential locations for concrete batch plants, if required for the Project;
- l. identification of potential locations for new quarry sites, or to reactivate one or more dormant quarry sites to supply the Project. If a large deficit of supply for one or more classes of material is expected, provide indication of where these materials may potentially be obtained to the supply the Project. If exploration for quarry materials is expected prior to site selection, provide a description of the scope and locations (provisional) of potential exploration activities (e.g., test pitting); and
- m. overlap of the Project with areas of current and historic mineral exploration licenses (or other forms of mineral tenure).

## 4.2 Construction

This section shall describe all aspects of the construction (including maps and imagery) of the proposed Project in detail, including but not limited to:

- a. design/construction details of the outfall(s) in the marine environment;
- b. design/construction details of the source water intake in the freshwater environment or the connection to existing water source;
- c. design/construction details on end of pipe intake screening on newly constructed source water intakes to prevent impingement and entrainment of fish, and a commitment to consult with DFO for a **Fisheries Act** review;
- d. design and sizing of an end of pipe water intake screen on an alternate water supply, if deemed necessary by advanced design and modeling, to prevent fish impingement or entrainment;
- e. design and construction details for any concrete batch plant(s) including water source(s), surface water and effluent management;
- f. dust lift off sources (e.g. dirt roads, laydown areas, etc.) during construction;
- g. a commitment to follow the 'Guidelines for the Use of Explosives In or Near Canadian Fisheries Waters' if it is determined that new quarries are required; and
- h. indication of responsibility for the cost of the electrical power infrastructure described in the registration document.

## 4.3 Operation and Maintenance

This section shall describe all aspects of the operation and maintenance (including maps and imagery) of the proposed development in detail, including but not limited to:

- a. an updated Water Balance Study that has been calibrated using site-specific hydrologic data from the Larkins Pond/Clarkes Pond watershed, including:
  - i. installation of flow gauges in key rivers and streams, along with water level loggers in lakes and ponds, to collect real-world data over one full hydrologic year, including local precipitation and evapotranspiration data;
  - ii. a comparison of the observed data with model predictions, with necessary adjustments to ensure the water balance accurately reflects actual conditions;
  - iii. a comprehensive report detailing the monitoring measures, data analysis, and comparisons between observed and modeled results; and
  - iv. the updated Water Balance Study shall reflect the maximum water usage rate determined for the Project;
- b. water quality monitoring details;
- c. additional details to support water usage rates including, but not limited to:
  - i. estimate of cooling water demands;
  - ii. estimate of 40 per cent reject water; and
  - iii. the reduction of water usage rates from 20 L/s proposed in the draft registration document;
- d. detailed information on source water treatment for hydrogen production;
- e. historical metered flow data for the Port of Argentia to validate the assertion that water demands for the Project will not exceed historical levels;
- f. plans to conduct leak detection and repair strategies on a system that is owned and operated by a municipality, to inform and prevent excessive drawdown of the water supply during drought conditions;
- g. further details on curtailment of water use plan;
- h. identification and description of source(s) of fire flow water for the process facility;
- i. characterization of the final effluent, including identification and quantification of the expected concentrations of potential parameters of concern. This should take into consideration how steps in the process would be expected to influence the final effluent quality, including, but not limited to:
  - i. wastewater generated from the treatment of feedwater;
  - ii. use of any chemicals in operation/maintenance of the electrolysis equipment; and
  - iii. water contact with process gas;
- j. effluent treatment options being considered based potential parameters of concern that were identified in the effluent characterization, and the preferred option(s) for treatment;
- k. characterization of all sources of wastewater and contaminants of potential concern and with the deposition of wastewater in the marine environment, and a discussion of the criteria used to designate these interactions as “minimal” in the registration document;
- l. clarification of whether any new resource roads constructed on Crown land for operational use by the Project would remain open for public access to existing resource developments including agriculture, forestry, and mineral exploration and areas of interest for existing cottages and other values in the area;
- m. clarification on the proposed use of propane rather than hydrogen for the flare pilot,

particularly at the rates cited, and details as to why non-combusted propane would be emitted from the flare stack;

- n. further description of the optimal operating temperatures for wind turbines with details describing turbine operation outside optimal operating temperatures (below -20 °C);
- o. details on the operation and maintenance of concrete batch plant(s) including water source(s), and surface water and effluent management, if required to support the Project;
- p. clarification on the data discrepancy in the emissions inventory as described in the registration document, and an updated emissions inventory including combusted and non-combusted propane from the flare stack and the emergency generator, for greenhouse gases (GHG's) and criteria air contaminants (CAC's);
- q. clarification on fuel usage data discrepancies as described in the registration document and updated GHG and CAC emission inventories for the flare stacks and the emergency generators;
- r. dust lift off sources during operation and maintenance;
- s. further details regarding waste management related to:
  - i. use of a landfill or incinerator;
  - ii. waste management during decommissioning;
  - iii. details on hazardous waste (HW) disposal; and
  - iv. use of the existing regional waste management system;
- t. clarification as to whether the transmission line will be managed by Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro (NLH) as a regulated asset;
- u. further details on the expected annual energy supply from the Project to NLH in terms of energy, capacity, and price; and
- v. further information regarding the integration of the Project with the Argentia Visitor Information Centre's operations and planning.

## 5. ALTERNATIVES

The EPR must identify and describe alternative means and locations of carrying out the Project that are technically and economically feasible to meet the stated purpose and rationale. If no such alternatives are technically and economically feasible, then the EPR must provide a rationale for why no alternatives have been identified. The following steps are recommended::

- a. identify and describe water source alternatives; and
- b. identify alternative locations for access roads, transmission lines, and other infrastructure outside the PPWSA.

## 6. POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

Provide detailed information to describe and assess the potential effects of the Project on the existing environment, as described in section 4, including, but not limited to:

- a. the Clarke's Pond public drinking water system in the town of Placentia;
- b. surface water resources, streams, waterbodies and wetlands in/near the Project

area;

- c. water levels in groundwater, surface water and wetlands in consideration of the Project's water use requirements;
- d. the marine environment and sensitive fish habitat in the receiving waters for effluent discharge;
- e. capelin and capelin spawning beaches surrounding the Port of Argentia that may be affected by road and connector line construction, operations and maintenance during fish spawning windows;
- f. fish habitat (including eelgrass) and fish populations by species associated with:
  - i. the construction and operation of Project facilities and infrastructure; and
  - ii. in-water works such as fording, removal of aquatic and/or stream side vegetation, installation of culverts, bridges and water crossings, infilling, dewatering, and changes to natural flow regime;
- g. Small Craft Harbors (SCH), including consultation with the SCH Division of Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Harbour Authorities to understand and describe the potential effects of the project on SCH;
- h. flora and fauna (including bats, muskrat, lichens, plant species at risk and of conservation concern, and birds not protected by the Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA) such as owls and raptors) and their habitats, associated with:
  - i. direct and indirect effects of Project construction, operation and maintenance, decommissioning and rehabilitation;
  - ii. interactions with wind turbines, including estimated mortality rates; and
  - iii. noise, vibrations and light, and in particular effects on feeding, breeding, movement and migratory patterns;
- i. spatial and temporal effects on other wildlife species and their habitat, particularly species designated and listed under the Federal Species at Risk Act, sensitive wildlife species or species of conservation concern, including insects, species at risk bats and migratory bat species assessed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC);
- j. increased marine traffic and risk of vessel strikes with marine mammals;
- k. updated shadow flicker assessment and noise modelling, during construction and operations, with regards to human receptors based on access road and turbine selection and placement;
- l. turbine setback back distance in consideration of public roadways and public safety related to risk of driver distraction;
- m. dust lift off and effects on sensitive receptors;
- n. fogging effects associated with the hydrogen and ammonia production facility and the frequency of occurrence from the cooling tower;
- o. viewscapes and effects of the Project on tourism and local communities;
- p. clarification on the potential effects of the integration of the Project with the Argentia Visitor Information Centre's operations and planning;
- r. effects of the Project on current and past mineral licenses (or other forms of mineral exploration tenure) in areas where the Project overlaps current and previous mineral exploration tenure, including, but not limited to:
  - i. exploration expenditures recorded on current and historic mineral exploration, in consultation with IET; and

- ii. potential economic significance of known mineral occurrences;
- s. estimated balance of supply and need for specific classes of quarry materials to support the Project;
- t. plans for the management of surplus supply of one or more classes of quarry material, if expected, including where these materials would be deposited or stored and whether there is any intention to sell these materials, whether domestically or for export;
- u. the potential economic effect of an increased supply on the local market, should the Proponent intend to sell a large quantity of surplus quarry materials domestically;
- v. potential effects of blasting during construction on dams that are located in/near the Project area;
- w. confirmation of whether sufficient firm power supply currently exists on the Island Interconnected System to supply the Project as proposed, or how adding sufficient supply on the Island Interconnected System might impact the system, including reliability and system costs for ratepayers;
- x. effects on agriculture operations in the area;
- y. potential for ice throw and the potential effects on two permitted quarry sites within the Project area, and on nearby access roads used by quarry-related traffic; and
- z. access restrictions for roads leading to the two permitted quarry sites within the Project area.

## 7. MITIGATION

Provide detailed information regarding the proposed mitigation to be used to avoid, where possible, and mitigate adverse environmental effects. The EPR shall identify who is responsible for implementing the mitigation measures and the system of accountability, including the obligations of contractors and subcontractors. Mitigation measures shall be described for all phases of the Project including construction, operation and maintenance, and decommissioning and rehabilitation.

This section should include, but not be limited to, the following:

- a. measures that will be undertaken to mitigate the Project's water use requirements, in order to maintain water levels in groundwater, surface water and wetlands in Project's vicinity;
- b. an explanation as to how noise levels resulting from Project construction and operations comply with Health Canada's Guidance on 'Environmental Noise, Measurement and Assessment';
- c. measures that will be undertaken to mitigate the effects of shadow flicker on receptors;
- d. vegetation control measures around transmission lines and substations and how effects on the PPWSA, or plant or lichen species at risk and species of conservation concern would be mitigated;
- e. mitigation measures to be implemented such as monitoring, sampling, and follow-up reporting regarding the marine environment and sensitive fish habitat in the receiving waters for effluent discharge;

- f. a commitment to follow the Guidelines for the Use of Explosives In or Near Canadian Fisheries Waters (<https://publications.gc.ca/collections/Collection/Fs97-6-2107E.pdf>) as mitigation measures for quarry blasting;
- g. avoidance of near water works during fish spawning windows to mitigate the effects on capelin spawning beaches surrounding the Port of Argentia;
- h. measures to mitigate effects on fish populations by species and fish habitat (including eelgrass) associated with:
  - i. construction, operations and maintenance, and decommissioning and rehabilitation of Project facilities and infrastructure; and
  - ii. in-water works such as fording, removal of aquatic and/or stream side vegetation, installation of culverts, bridges and water crossings, infilling, dewatering, and changes to natural flow regime;
- i. measures to mitigate the potential effects of the Project on SCH in consultation with the SCH Division of Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Harbour Authorities;
- j. standard curtailments for bats that are required and would be implemented for the operational lifespan of the Project, except where an adaptive management framework incorporates other proven tools to effectively detect bats and mitigate bat mortalities, and where the Wildlife Division has formally approved the modification. Operational curtailments are mandatory from thirty (30) minutes before sunset to thirty (30) minutes after sunrise, from July 1 – October 1 when temperatures are 6.0°C or higher. During these times, turbine blades must be programmed to cut-in only when wind speeds exceed 6.0 m/s, and must be locked or feathered at wind speeds ≤6.0 m/s. Describe in the EPR how this information will be incorporated into project design;
- k. appropriate measures to minimize the risk of effects to avifauna from all phases of the Project, including consideration of Project effects on wetlands and measures to avoid and reduce wetland disturbance;
- l. details of mitigations to avoid and/or minimize adverse effects to wildlife species, particularly during sensitive time periods, such as breeding and migration, during all phases of the Project;
- m. mitigation measures to address risks to marine water quality, with clear connections between the type and nature of the monitoring and the risk to be evaluated;
- n. measures to minimize disruption to the natural landscape and preserve the aesthetic appeal of the region including viewscapes;
- o. measures that will be undertaken to mitigate adverse effects of the Project on agriculture operations within and near the Project area;
- p. measures that would be undertaken to mitigate the effects of the Project on current and past mineral exploration licenses or other forms of mineral tenure in areas of the Project that overlap areas of current and past mineral tenure;
- q. updated mitigation measures described in Appendix W in the registration document.
- r. a detailed Water Management Plan that describes water management for the entire Project (i.e., wind farm, access roads, quarries, concrete batch plants, hydrogen facility, etc.). The Water Management Plan should commit to establishing, in consultation with the Water Resources Management Division, a

real-time water monitoring network for surface and groundwater quality and quantity in the watersheds potentially affected by the Project, to facilitate:

- i. the installation of real-time monitoring stations and collection of baseline data prior to the start of Project construction;
- ii. plans for the long-term operation and maintenance of real-time monitoring stations in consultation with the Department of Environment and Climate Change; and
- iii. measures to mitigate effects to surface water quality and quantity and predict adverse residual effects, as well as address measures to be taken if water quality and quantity were to be affected by the Project and how real-time water monitoring stations will be used for this purpose;
- s. an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan that would be implemented prior to project construction and for the life of the Project, to be submitted as a standalone plan, separate from the Water Management Plan;
- t. a Public Engagement Plan that provides readily accessible opportunities for interested members of the public (e.g., local residents, fish harvesters, business owners, aquaculture industry, etc.) to meet with the Proponent by telephone, virtually, or at a place adjacent to or in the geographical area of the Project to discuss Project information and share related concerns as they arise;
- u. a Marine Mitigation Plan that includes appropriate preventative measures to minimize the risk of adverse effects of the Project on fish and marine mammals, such as the North Atlantic Right Whale and their habitats;
- v. an Environmental Protection Plan that describes measures that will be undertaken to:
  - i. prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species during construction, operations and maintenance, and decommissioning;
  - ii. maintain a minimum 50-metre undisturbed buffer from the highwater mark of waterbodies and wetlands that appear on 1:50,000 National Topographic Scale maps or on the topographic layer of the provincial land use atlas; and
  - iii. minimize effects on ecologically significant components, including wildlife, wildlife habitat, and species at risk;
- w. a Contingency Plan that describes, at a minimum but is not limited to the following measures that will be undertaken to:
  - i. maintain or curtail turbine and plant operations where air temperatures are lower than the stated optimal operating temperatures; and
  - ii. prevent impact to other water users of the Clarke's Pond protected public water supply.

## **8. DECOMMISSIONING AND REHABILITATION**

The EPR must address the following, including but not limited to:

- a. further information on the decommissioning of the outfall in the marine environment;
- b. further information on the decommissioning of freshwater intake;
- c. clear indication for the cost responsibility of decommissioning the electrical power infrastructure such as the transmission lines and associated equipment; and

- d. proposed decommissioning timelines and activities, including dismantling and removal of infrastructure and facilities (e.g., wind turbines, access roads, water crossings, transmission lines, hydrogen/ammonia facility) and site rehabilitation, including a revegetation plan.

## **9. PROJECT-RELATED DOCUMENTS**

The Proponent shall prepare a complete and detailed bibliography of studies used to prepare the EPR. Supporting documentation shall be referenced in the EPR and attached as an Appendix to the EPR.

## **10. COMMITMENTS MADE IN THE EPR**

The EPR shall provide a list of all commitments made regarding environmental effects mitigation, monitoring and follow-up. Each commitment must be cross-referenced to the section of the EPR where it has been made.

## **11. PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING**

An Open House Public Information Session shall be held at a place adjacent to or in the geographical area of the undertaking, or as the minister may determine, in order to:

- a. provide information concerning the undertaking to the people (including, but not limited to residents, commercial and industrial establishments, local tourism establishments and operators) whose environment may be directly affected by the undertaking;
- b. record and respond to the concerns of the local community regarding the environmental effects of the undertaking. Concerns may be addressed in a separate chapter of the EPR; and
- c. inform the requirements of Section 5 (Alternatives) of these guidelines.

You are required to notify the Minister and the public of the scheduled meeting not fewer than 7 days before that meeting. Public concerns shall be addressed in a separate section of the EPR.

Protocol for these public sessions will comply with Section 10 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, 2003. Public notification specifications are outlined in Appendix A.

## **12. APPROVAL OF THE UNDERTAKING**

List the main permits, licenses, approvals, and other forms of authorization required for the undertaking, together with the names of the authorities responsible for issuing them (e.g., federal government department, provincial government department, municipal council, etc.).

In addition to the list of authorizations and responsible authorities noted above, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) advises you to:

- include DFO as the Agency responsible for permits authorizing an activity affecting

listed aquatic species at risk, under the Fisheries Act.

- submit a Requests for Review to DFO for any proposed works, undertakings and activities that have the potential to impact fish or fish habitat.
- obtain an Authorization from DFO under sections 34.4 (2) b) and 35 (2) b) of the Fisheries Act and submit an offsetting plan in the event of a need to offset any harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat and/or fish mortality.

The Department of Industry, Energy and Technology advises you to consider and analyze findings and conclusions with respect to compliance obligations with the legislation (e.g., Public Utilities Act and the Electrical Power Control Act, 1994) and regulation of the electricity system.

You are required to submit one paper copy and an electronic version of the EPR, for posting to the Environmental Assessment website, together with a covering letter. The Minister reserves the right to request additional electronic and paper copies if the EPR, as needed. The EPR submission may be mailed to the following address:

Minister  
Environment and Climate Change  
P.O. Box 8700  
St. John's NL A1B 4J6  
Email: [EAPrjectComments@gov.nl.ca](mailto:EAPrjectComments@gov.nl.ca)

## APPENDIX A

### Public Notices

Under the provisions of the Environmental Assessment Regulations 2003, Section 10, and where the approved Guidelines require a public information session(s), the following specified public notification requirements must be met by the Proponent prior to each meeting:

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Information Session on the Proposed

*Name of undertaking*

*Location of undertaking*

shall be held at

*Date and Time*

*Location*

This session shall be conducted by the Proponent,  
*Proponent name and contact phone number or email address*,  
as part of the environmental assessment for this Project.

The purpose of this session is to describe all aspects of the proposed Project and the activities associated with it, and to provide an opportunity for interested persons to request information or state their concerns.

#### **ALL ARE WELCOME**

### **MINIMUM INFORMATION CONTENT OF PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT**

- Minimum newspaper ad size: 2 column widths. Minimum posted ad size: 7" x 5"
- Minimum newspaper ad coverage: Weekend preceding meeting and 3 consecutive days prior to meeting date; to be run in newspaper locally distributed within meeting area or newspaper with closest local distribution area.
- Minimum posted ad coverage: Local Town or City website (if permitted), Proponent's web site (if applicable), and local community channel (if applicable), to be posted continually for 1 full week prior to meeting date.
- Proponent's web page, social media sites (optional).
- Proponent may suggest other means of advertising the public meeting, for the approval of the Minister.