

**PERMIT TO ALTER A BODY OF WATER**

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Pursuant to the *Water Resources Act*, SNL 2002 cW-4.01, specifically Section(s) 48

Date: **OCTOBER 20, 2023**

File No: **524**

Permit No: **ALT13230-2023**

Permit Holder: **Cenovus Energy Inc.  
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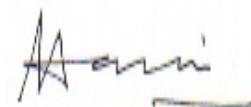
Attention: **Nancy Whittle**

Re: **Argentia Harbour - West White Rose Project Bund Wall Dredging & Infilling 'The Pond'**

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- This Permit does not release the Permit Holder from the obligation to obtain appropriate approvals from other concerned municipal, provincial and federal agencies.
- The Permit Holder must obtain the approval of the Crown Lands Administration Division if the project is being carried out on Crown Land.
- This Permit is subject to the terms and conditions indicated in Appendices A and B (attached).
- It should be noted that prior to any significant changes in the design or installation of the proposed works, or in event of changes in ownership or management of the project, an amendment to this Permit must be obtained from the Department of Environment and Climate Change under Section 49 of the *Water Resources Act*.



(for) MINISTER

**APPENDIX A**  
**Terms and Conditions for Permit**

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**Dredging/Debris Removal**

1. Alteration of the natural minimum streamflow is not permitted in order to preserve aquatic life.
2. The natural course of any stream must not be altered.
3. Dredging activity must only be carried out during periods when wind, wave and tide conditions minimize the dispersion of silt and sediment from the work site.
4. A water quality monitoring program is not required at this time. However, the Department reserves the right to require that the Permit Holder sample, analyse, and submit results of water quality tests, for the purpose of ensuring that the water quality is maintained within acceptable guidelines. All analyses must be undertaken by a CALA accredited laboratory.

**Infilling**

5. The slopes along the perimeter of infilled areas must be no steeper than two horizontal to one vertical (2H:1V).
6. The constructed works must be inspected regularly so that action can be taken to undertake repairs as required.
7. Before infilling, any vegetation and topsoil must be completely removed and under no circumstances shall it be used as fill material. Topsoil must be stored and reused in final landscaping of the infilled area.
8. Select heavy rocks must be placed along the toe of any infilling to provide slope stability and erosion protection.
9. A minimum 15 metre wide vegetated buffer zone must be maintained along the edge of the waterbody in order to provide bank stability and maintain local aesthetics.

**Flood Zone Development**

10. The dredging of the bund wall, channel, and infilling of 'The Pond' is within the designated flood plain for the Town of Placentia. This development, and future development at the site, must comply with this Department's policy directive for *Flood Plain Management W.R. 96-1*.
11. Any further development in the flood zone area not specifically covered by this permit will require a separate permit from this Division under Section 48 of the *Water Resources Act*.
12. The proposed use of the facility and site will not involve any storage of pollutants such as fuels, chemicals, pesticides, etc.
13. The structure will not interfere with the flow of water or displace water such that it creates a worse flooding situation for other properties.

### **Special Conditions**

14. Upon completion of the project, technical drawings of the 'The Pond' must be submitted to the Water Resources Management Division along with the completion report, showing the project site prior to and after infilling.
15. This permit to alter a body of water provides approval for the scope of work stated here within as issued on October 20, 2023, and as such, does not provide approval for any undertaking at this location prior to this date.

### **General Alterations**

16. Any work that must be performed below the high water mark must be carried out during a period of low water levels.
17. Water pumped from excavations or work areas, or any runoff or effluent directed out of work sites, must have silt and turbidity removed by settling ponds, filtration, or other suitable treatment before discharging to a body of water. Effluent discharged into receiving waters must comply with the *Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations, 2003*.
18. All operations must be carried out in a manner that prevents damage to land, vegetation, and watercourses, and which prevents pollution of bodies of water.
19. The use of heavy equipment in streams or bodies of water is not permitted. The operation of heavy equipment must be confined to dry stable areas.
20. All vehicles and equipment must be clean and in good repair, free of mud and oil, or other harmful substances that could impair water quality.
21. During the construction of concrete components, formwork must be properly constructed to prevent any fresh concrete from entering a body of water. Dumping of concrete or washing of tools and equipment in any body of water is prohibited.
22. Any areas adversely affected by this project must be restored to a state that resembles local natural conditions. Further remedial measures to mitigate environmental impacts on water resources can and will be specified, if considered necessary in the opinion of this Department.
23. The bed, banks and floodplains of watercourses, or other vulnerable areas affected by this project, must be adequately protected from erosion by seeding, sodding or placing of rip-rap.
24. All waste materials resulting from this project must be disposed of at a site approved by the Department of Digital Government and Service NL.
25. Periodic maintenance such as painting, resurfacing, clearing of debris, or minor repairs, must be carried out without causing any physical disruption of any watercourse. Care must be taken to prevent spillage of pollutants into the water.
26. The owners of structures are responsible for any environmental damage resulting from dislodgement caused by wind, wave, ice action, or structural failure.
27. Sediment and erosion control measures must be installed before starting work. All control measures must be inspected regularly and any necessary repairs made if damage is discovered.

28. The attached Completion Report (Appendix C) for Permit No. 13230 must be completed and returned to this Department upon completion of the approved works. Pictures must be submitted along with the completion report, showing the project site prior to and after development.
29. This Permit is valid for two years from the date of issue. Work must be completed by that date or the application and approval procedure must be repeated.
30. The location of the work is highlighted on the Location Map for this Permit attached as Appendix D.

**APPENDIX B**  
**Special Terms and Conditions for Permit**

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1. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall keep all systems and works in good condition and repair and in accordance with all laws, by-laws, directions, rules and regulations of any governmental authority. The Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) shall immediately notify the Minister if any problem arises which may threaten the structural stability of the systems and works, endanger public safety and/or the environment or adversely affect others and/or any body of water either in or outside the said Project areas. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall be responsible for all damages suffered by the Minister and Government resulting from any defect in the systems and works, operational deficiencies/inadequacies, or structural failure.
2. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall operate the said Project and its systems and works in a manner which does not cause any water related and/or environmental problems, including but not limited to problems of erosion, deposition, flooding, and deterioration of water quality and groundwater depletion, in or outside the said Project areas. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) shall be responsible for any and all damages associated with these problems caused as a result of changes, deficiencies, and inadequacies in the operational procedures by the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s).
3. If the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) fails to perform, fulfil, or observe any of the terms and conditions, or provisions of this Permit, as determined by this Department, the Minister may, without notice, amend, modify, suspend or cancel this Permit in accordance with the *Water Resources Act*.
4. The Permit Holder and its agent(s), subcontractor(s), and consultant(s) indemnify and hold the Minister and Government harmless against any and all liabilities, losses, claims, demands, damages or expenses including legal expenses of any nature whatsoever whether arising in tort, contract, statute, trust or otherwise resulting directly or indirectly from granting this Permit, systems and works in or outside the said Project areas, or any act or omission of the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s) in or outside the said Project areas, or arising out of a breach or non-performance of any of the terms and conditions, or provisions of this Permit by the Permit Holder or its agent(s), subcontractor(s), or consultant(s).
5. This Permit is subject to all provisions of the *Water Resources Act* and any regulations in effect either at the date of this Permit or hereafter made pursuant thereto or any other relevant legislation enacted by the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador in the future.
6. This Permit shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

cc: Ms. Paula Dawe, P.Eng.  
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Water Resources Management Division  
Department of Environment and Climate Change  
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**Appendix C - Completion Report**

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*I (the Permit Holder named above or agent authorized to represent the Permit Holder) do hereby certify that the project described above was completed in accordance with the plans and specifications submitted to the Department of Environment and Climate Change and that the work was carried out in strict compliance with the terms and conditions of the Permit issued for this project.*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

This completion report must be completed and forwarded to the following address upon completion of the approved work.

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Water Resources Management Division  
PO Box 8700  
St. John's NL A1B 4J6





**Second Attached Image File**

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