

Reg. # 2084

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Dear Mr. Taylor:

Re: Markland Farm Expansion

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental environmental assessment screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by Part X of the Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Please be advised that this undertaking is **released** from further environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- You are required to uphold all commitments made in your environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the project on the environment.
- 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 Wildlife Division, Department of Fisheries and Land Resources at 709-637-2025.
- A minimum 30-metre undisturbed buffer is required along all waterbodies and wetlands that appear on a 1:50,000 topo map to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat.
- You are required to update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of your project, including a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for your project, one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates if required by the Environmental Assessment Division. Please email your project updates to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

The Water Resources Management Division, Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment, advises that you are required to obtain permits for any work in a body of water (including wetland), work in Shore Water Zones, and any infilling work within 15 metres of a body of water. Also, a permit is required for a non-domestic well. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at 709-729-1646.

The Pollution Prevention Division, Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment, reminds you that all waters discharged from the proposed site during construction and operation are subject to compliance with the *Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations*, under the *Water Resources Act*. All pesticide use are subject to compliance with the *Pesticides Control Regulations*. For further information, please contact the Pollution Prevention Division at 709-729-5782.

The Department of Fisheries and Land Resources, Lands Branch advises that no development should take place until approval is received for Crown Lands Application Number 150050. Also, no buildings are permitted on this site without the prior written consent of the Agriculture Lands Branch. For further information, please contact the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources at 709-729-1140.

The Department of Fisheries and Land Resources informs that they will complete a review of merchantable timber to explore providing the area to a local forest operator to have the land cleared. Otherwise, a Domestic Cutting Permit will be required prior to any harvesting or timber removal in the area. An Operating Permit is required prior to the start of any work during the forest fire season and can be obtained from the local forest management district office. During the Forest Fire Season a permit to burn must be obtained to ignite a fire on or within 300 metres of forest land. For further information, please contact the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources at 709-729-1140.

The Government Service Centre, Department of Service NL, indicates that any existing tree screen concealing the operation from public view is to be maintained, and, you must submit and receive approval for plans and specifications for any proposed water and sewerage system. For further information, please contact the Government Service Centre at 709-639-2229.

The Department of Natural Resources indicates there is a transmission line running over the piece of land and you should contact Newfoundland Power prior to construction.

Environment and Climate Change Canada recommends that in order to avoid nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory songbirds and waterfowl, operations should consider nesting locations between April 15th and August 15th in this region. However, as some species protected under the Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA) do nest outside of

this period, it is your responsibility to ensure that project activities are in compliance with the MCBA and associated regulations. For further information, please contact the Canadian Wildlife Service at 709-772-4221.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans advises that you are required to self-assess using the DFO "Projects Near Water" website located at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>. For further information, please contact the Fisheries Protection Program at 709-772-4140.

Although the undertaking, as proposed, is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements. Please note that you must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You are required to inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

Please note that in accordance with Section 17 of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*, the Minister's decision is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter. If you have not commenced your project within this three year period, you may apply to extend the three-year period for a maximum of three one-year periods, if needed.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director (A), Environmental Assessment Division, at 709-729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



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Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment
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Enclosures

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