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Department of Environment and Conservation
Environmental Assessment Division

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN

Environment and Conservation Minister Tom Osborne has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

(1) 2005 Balsam Fir Sawfly Experimental Spray Program Using NeabNPV (Reg. 1195)
(Nucleopolyhedrovirus)

Proponent: Natural Resources Canada, Canadian Forest Service

The Canadian Forest Service propose to carry out an experimental research application of a highly species-specific microbial biological control agent (balsam fir sawfly Nucleopolyhedrovirus - NeabNPV) against its natural host the balsam fir sawfly. Applications would be made aerially on up to 5,000 hectares of mostly selected silviculturally treated forest stands, forecast to receive moderate to severe balsam fir sawfly defoliation in 2005 and at the leading edge of infestation. The registration document submitted provides background information on the current infestations, control options, information on the product NeabNPV (which goes by registered trade name - Abietiv), details of the actual spray program and schedule. The proposal to apply NeabNPV is for a spray block located on the northwest side of Deer Lake that extends to Governors Pond and southwest side of Bonne Bay Big Pond, in western Newfoundland. Treatment is proposed to begin in mid-July. The undertaking was registered on May 19, 2005; public comments are due by June 24, 2005; and, the Minister's decision is due by July 3, 2005.

(2) Seldom Access Road and Water Supply System Upgrading (Reg. 1196)

Proponent: Town of Seldom-Little Seldom

The proponent, Town of Seldom-Little Seldom, proposes to construct a 0.9 kilometre gravel access road, starting at the end of the Town's existing water supply access road, to a proposed 240 metre long earthen dam to be located on the southeast end of Gull Pond. The road will provide the Town's maintenance staff with access to the dam for intermittent inspection. The purpose of the dam is to alleviate low water pressure and increase water storage by allowing water levels over Gull Pond and Bullock's Cove Pond to rise approximately 600 millimetres. The project is expected to be completed over one construction season starting mid-summer 2005. The undertaking was registered on May 20, 2005; public comments are due by June 28, 2005; and, the Minister's decision is due by July 4, 2005.

The Minister encourages all interested parties to become involved and to make comments known. Comments on submitted documents are invited from the public, addressed in writing to the Minister, and are welcome prior to the deadline date shown.

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Director of Environmental Assessment at (709) 729-4211 or toll-free: 1-800-563-6181 or by mail to:

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