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Department of Environment and Conservation  
Environmental Assessment Division

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT BULLETIN**

The Honourable Charlene Johnson, Minister of Environment and Conservation, has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

### **UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:**

**Big Cook's Pond (Corner Brook) Cottage Development Plan (Resubmission)**  
**Proponent: Land Management Division** (Reg. 1417)

The Land Management Division of the Department of Environment and Conservation proposes to develop approximately 25 remote recreational cottage lots within the Big Cook's Pond Cottage Planning Area. The Big Cook's Pond Cottage Planning Area is situated approximately 14 kilometres southwest of the City of Corner Brook. Direct passenger vehicle access to the lots is not allowed because 20 of the lots are adjacent to the T'Railway Provincial Park, where vehicular access is not permitted. The remaining 5 lots are only accessible by walking, boat, snowmobile and all-terrain vehicle. The planning area comprises approximately 2,000 hectares. The total land area to be developed is 10 hectares. Development of cottage lots will be undertaken by individual owners once allocation has been completed.

The undertaking was registered on April 02, 2009; public comments are due by May 11, 2009; and the Minister's decision is due on May 17, 2009.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PLAN ACCEPTED AS SATISFACTORY:**

**Long Harbour Commercial Nickel Processing Plant**  
**Proponent: Vale Inco Newfoundland and Labrador Limited** (Reg. 1243)

The Minister has determined that the Environmental Protection Plan dated March 10, 2009, is satisfactory. This plan was required as one of the conditions of release announced on August 26, 2008.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTED:**

**Labrador – Island Transmission Link**  
**Proponent: Nalcor Energy** (Reg. 1407)

On March 23, 2009, the Minister advised the proponent that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required for this project. An Environmental Assessment Committee has now been appointed to provide scientific and technical advice to the Minister and to prepare draft guidelines for conducting the EIS. The Assessment Committee has representation from the following government agencies:

- Department of Environment & Conservation
  - Environmental Assessment Division – Committee Chair

- Water Resources Division
- Wildlife Division
- Parks and Natural Areas Division
- Land Management Division
- Parks Canada
- Environment Canada
- Transport Canada
- Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- Department of National Defence
- Department of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs
- Department of Natural Resources
  - Mines Branch
  - Forestry Branch
- Department of Tourism, Culture and Recreation
  - Cultural Heritage
  - Strategic Tourism Product Development
- Department of Human Resources, Labour and Employment
- Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTED:**

**5 Wing Goose Bay Supersonic Flight Training**

**Proponent: Department of National Defence**

(Reg. 1404)

On March 20, 2009, the Minister advised the proponent that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required for this project. An Environmental Assessment Committee has now been appointed to provide scientific and technical advice to the Minister and to prepare draft guidelines for conducting the EIS. The Assessment Committee has representation from the following government agencies:

- Department of Environment and Conservation
  - Environmental Assessment Division, Committee Chair
  - Wildlife Division
- Dept. of Tourism, Culture and Recreation
  - Strategic Tourism Product Development
- Dept. of Labrador and Aboriginal Affairs
  - Policy and Planning,
- Environment Canada
  - Canadian Wildlife Service

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