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 RELEASED:

Grand Falls – Windsor Gravel/Sand Quarry Newhook's Cranberry Farm Inc.

(Reg. 1451)

This undertaking was released from environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- No cutting will be permitted in the provincial forestry white spruce plantation portion of the proposed quarry.
- A minimum 50 metre treed buffer must be maintained between Peter's River and any site clearing to minimize potential negative impacts on air and water quality as well as the entire riparian ecosystem from the construction and operation of the quarry.
- A minimum 15 metre undisturbed vegetated buffer is to remain along any stream within the proposed quarry boundary.

ENVIRONMENTAL PREVIEW REPORT SUBMITTED:

Parsons Pond Oil Exploration & Access Road Proponent: Nalcor Energy Ltd.

(Reg. 1411)

The proponent has submitted an Environmental Preview Report (EPR) for the proposed project as required by the Minister on July 15, 2009. The EPR was required to address issues and concerns brought forward by agency comments and public submissions during the review of the undertaking. Guidelines for the preparation of the EPR were issued on August 21, 2009. Public comments regarding the EPR are welcome and must be received no later than February 22, 2010. The document can be viewed on the website indicated below. For further information on this project contact the Chairperson of the Assessment Committee, Milt Crewe at 637-2375 or e-mail miltoncrewe@gov.nl.ca.

For further information on the environmental assessment process, please contact the Director of Environmental Assessment at (709) 729-4211 or toll-free: 1-800-563-6181 or by mail to:

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