

Environment and Conservation
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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:

Peters Pond Cranberry Farm (Reg. 1546)
Proponent: Mr. Bryan Borland, BHB Farms

The proponent proposes the establishment of a 162 hectare cranberry farm on the south side of Route 350 near Peters Pond, Bishop's Falls. The farm layout/construction will avail of a sand source only 2 kilometres away; irrigation pond for water storage; sediment pond for discharge water; other water control structures; installation of drainage tile in the cranberry bed; berms around fields developed into roads approximately 1.8 to 2.4 metres wide to service the area; and approximately 20 centimetres of sand to be laid over the cranberry bed. The undertaking is scheduled to begin upon receipt of approval.

The undertaking was registered on November 25, 2010; the deadline for public comments is January 3, 2011; and the minister's decision is due by January 9, 2011.

EXTENSION:

Twillingate Shrimp Shell Waste Processing (Reg. 1534)
Proponent: Eastern Star Group Canada Ltd.

The minister has requested the proponent provide additional information on the undertaking, including: details regarding odour, emissions and spill mitigation measures, facility operations and effluent quality. Once the proponent has submitted this information it will be made available to the public. A public meeting is also to be held in the Town of Twillingate by the proponent on the new information. The public will be provided time to comment to the minister on the new information. The minister's decision on the project has been extended to December 26, 2010.

CHANGES TO THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

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

Nalcor Energy has identified refinements to their project development concept and additional design options. Those changes include the use of “shore electrodes” at locations along the Labrador shore of the Strait of Belle Isle area and Conception Bay South. The option of placing sea electrodes in Lake Melville or Holyrood Bay is no longer proposed. In addition, as a result of recent decisions and announcements regarding the sequencing of the various components of the Lower Churchill Hydroelectric Generation Project (i.e. developing Muskrat Falls first), Nalcor Energy is exploring the option of locating the Labrador converter station at or near the Muskrat Falls site. If that was to be the case, the Labrador transmission corridor would potentially extend from Muskrat Falls to the Trans Labrador Highway (Phase 3, TLH3) and then follow along TLH3 to its southernmost point, before picking up the previously identified corridor. The project description changes are available and may be accessed on the Department’s website or by contacting the Chair of the Assessment Committee, Pat Marrie at (709) 729-2813 or e-mail pmarrie@gov.nl.ca.

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