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### **Environmental Assessment Bulletin**

The Honourable Terry French, Minister of Environment and Conservation, has announced the following event relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the *Environmental Protection Act*.

#### **UNDERTAKING RELEASED:**

Lower Churchill River Hydroelectric Generation Project  
Proponent: Nalcor Energy

(Reg. 1305)

The project is released under the *Environmental Protection Act* subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Nalcor Energy shall abide by all commitments made in the Environmental Impact Statement dated February 2009, the Environmental Impact Statement additional information requests by the panel (submitted and dated July 3, 2009, November 8, 2009, August 9, 2010, and January 10, 2011), and the submissions made by Nalcor during the Lower Churchill Generation Project Environmental Assessment Panel hearings and, subsequent to the hearings, to the panel, unless one or more of the commitments, or a part of a commitment is specifically waived by the Minister of Environment and Conservation;
- (b) Obtain and abide by the requirements of all licences, permits, approvals, certificates, leases or other documents of authorization required by law;
- (c) Without limiting the generality of paragraph (b), prepare and abide by the requirements of environmental protection plans for all phases of the project and those plans shall be submitted for the approval of the Minister of Environment and Conservation or the appropriate minister of the Crown prior to the commencement of an activity which is associated with or may affect certain components of the environment;
- (d) Without limiting the generality of paragraph (b), prepare and abide by the requirements of emergency preparedness and response plans, contingency plans, occupational health and safety plans, wetland compensation plans, and riparian compensation plans for all phases of the project, and those plans shall be submitted for the approval of the Minister of Environment and Conservation or the appropriate minister of the Crown prior to the commencement of an activity which is the subject of or associated with those plans;

- (e) Without limiting the generality of paragraph (b), prepare and abide by the requirements of environmental effects monitoring plans for all phases of the project, and those plans shall be submitted for the approval of the Minister of Environment and Conservation or the appropriate minister of the Crown prior to the commencement of an activity which is associated with or may affect certain components of the environment;
- (f) Prepare and maintain a document which contains the licences, permits, approvals, certificates or other documents of authorization and which outlines and identifies the source or basis of all of the various terms and conditions under which the project will operate and all commitments made by Nalcor as identified in paragraph (a), including performance standards, financial assurances, targets, quotas and reporting procedures and submit it to the Minister of Environment and Conservation at a date prescribed by the minister;
- (g) Prepare and submit to the Minister of Environment and Conservation an annual report describing the project's performance in delivering socio-economic benefits to residents and businesses of the province commencing March 31, 2013;
- (h) To ensure full and fair benefits for the people of the province for training, employment, and the procurement of goods and services, prior to the tendering of future contracts associated with one or more phases of the project, prepare and abide by benefits policies and procedures, developed in consultation with the government of the province and submitted to the appropriate government department for approval, including a supplier development strategy to be developed in consultation with representatives of aboriginal and Newfoundland and Labrador businesses and relevant provincial government departments, which supplier development strategy includes contract procurement procedures, supplier development initiatives and objectives for aboriginal and Newfoundland and Labrador businesses, and Nalcor shall regularly monitor, evaluate and report its compliance with the approved benefits policies and procedures to the appropriate provincial government departments at a date prescribed by the appropriate departments;
- (i) prepare a Womens' Employment Plan containing measurable goals and submit it to the Women's Policy Office for approval at a date prescribed by the Minister Responsible for the Women's Policy Office; and
- (j) Prior to the commencement of construction, establish an Environmental Monitoring and Community Liaison Committee to provide feedback to the proponent and Government on the effects of the project.

A copy of the Provincial Government's responses to the Joint Review Panel report recommendations is available at: [www.gov.nl.ca/env](http://www.gov.nl.ca/env)

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