

Environmental Assessment Bulletin

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

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Peter's River – New Bay Road Quarry (Reg. 1643)
Proponent: Oakes Trucking Ltd.

The proponent has submitted a proposal for the development of a three hectare quarry adjacent to an existing quarry near Grand Falls-Windsor. The site is located 600 metres west of New Bay Road and a forest access road off New Bay Road will be used to access the site. Operations will include clearing, crushing, screening and pit run removal. The proposed quarry will provide sand and gravel for paving operations in the Grand Falls-Windsor area. Work is scheduled to take place between May and November 2012.

The undertaking was registered on April 17, 2012; the deadline for public comments is May 24, 2012; and the minister's decision is due by May 27, 2012.

Peters Pond (Bryan Borland) Quarry (Reg. 1642)
Proponent: Bryan Borland

The proponent proposes to develop a quarry located three kilometers southwest of Peters Pond, off Route 350 (the Botwood Highway) in the Bishop's Falls area. The project will produce sand, gravel and borrow material for local demand. The site covers an area 5 hectares in size. Operations are scheduled to begin in May, 2012.

The undertaking was registered on April 12, 2012; the deadline for public comments is May 24, 2012; and the minister's decision is due by May 27, 2012.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

Happy Valley Goose Bay Shooting Range
Proponent: Labrador Hunting and Fishing Association Inc. (Reg. 1636)

Bay Bulls Fibreglass Manufacturing Facility - New Construction
Proponent: GFI Composites Ltd. (Reg.1631)

Houston 1 and 2 Deposits Mining Project
Proponent: Labrador Iron Mines Limited (Reg.1625)

The project is released subject to the following conditions:

- Labrador Iron Mines Limited is required to update the Schefferville Area Iron Ore Project Environmental Protection Plan to include the Houston 1 and 2

Deposits Mining Project and to address, but not be limited to, caribou monitoring and mitigation in the vicinity of the project. The updated plan must receive the approval of the Minister of Environment and Conservation prior to the start of construction.

- Labrador Iron Mines Limited must complete a hydrogeology study, including a conceptual model, of the project site(s). This study must be submitted to the Water Resources Management Division of the Department of Environment and Conservation for review and approval/acceptance, prior to any mining activities. Information required includes dewatering rates from the pits, assessment of the groundwater flow in the vicinity of the pits, and the effect of dewatering on water levels in monitoring wells.
- Labrador Iron Mines Limited is required to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Water Resources Management Division for the installation of a real time water quality/quantity monitoring network in the vicinity of the Houston 1 and 2 deposits. The Memorandum of Agreement must be finalized prior to the start of the proposed mining operations.
- Labrador Iron Mines Limited is required to update the existing Schefferville Area Iron Ore Mine Newfoundland and Labrador Benefits Plan and Woman's Employment Plan, to include the Houston 1 and 2 Deposits Mining Project. The updated Plan(s) must be submitted and approved by the Minister of Natural Resources and the Minister Responsible for the Status of Women prior to the start of construction.

Fox Island River Channel Wall and Breakwater Reconstruction

Proponent: Fisheries and Oceans Canada (Reg. 1628)

Goose Bay Sand and Gravel Quarry

Proponent: Pennecon Limited (Reg. 1627)

The project is released subject to the following conditions:

- A minimum 30 metre wide vegetated buffer must be maintained between the quarry operation and adjacent water bodies. In areas adjacent to the unnamed stream to the south of the proposed quarry this buffer must be measured from the top of the steep embankment along the north side of the stream. All buffers must be located by a surveyor in the field prior to the start of construction and flagged to indicate a "No Construction" zone.
- Prior to the start of construction, a Site Drainage and Silt Control Plan is to be submitted to the Water Resources Management Division for approval under the *Water Resources Act*.
- If caribou are seen within the quarry boundaries, activities must cease until all caribou have vacated the project area. All caribou sightings are to be reported to the Wildlife Division.

Trout River Pond Area ATV Trail

Proponent: Mogul Road Trail Committee

(Reg. 1624)

L'Anse-Au-Loup ATV Trail

Proponent: L'Anse-Au-Loup Trailway Association

(Reg. 1606)

The project is released subject to the following condition:

- A 30 metre buffer is to be maintained from the high water mark of any water body including wetlands except in the noted areas where stream crossings are to occur.

UNDERTAKING REJECTED:

Terra Nova Village Area Quarry

Proponent: Municipal Construction Limited

(Reg. 1630)

The project is rejected due to the following:

- The Forestry Services Branch of the Department of Natural Resources indicated that some areas of the proposed site are comprised exclusively of white pine. There is a moratorium on the harvesting of white pine and no commercial permit to harvest the white pine can be granted.

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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