

Environmental Assessment Bulletin

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

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Belleoram Crushed Rock Export Quarry Proponent: Continental Stone Limited

(Reg. 1721)

Continental Stone Limited proposes to develop a crushed rock export quarry on a site approximately 900 hectares in area, north of Belleoram in Fortune Bay. The primary physical features will include a quarry, a marine wharf and a new access road. Rock will be quarried and crushed on site, loaded onto ships via a conveyor belt and shipped to market. It is estimated that 2 million tonnes of aggregate will be shipped in the first year of operation. The proposed quarry was released from Environmental Assessment in 2007, however construction did not begin during the time frame permitted by the Environmental Assessment Regulations and the project has been re-registered, as required. Operations are expected to begin in September 2014.

The undertaking was registered on August 28, 2013; the deadline for public comments is October 4, 2013; and the minister's decision is due by October 12, 2013.

ENVIRONMENTAL PREVIEW REPORT SUBMITTED:

Flat Bay Petroleum Exploration Well and Access Road Proponent: Investcan Energy Corp.

(Reg. 1702)

The proponent has submitted an Environmental Preview Report (EPR) for the above undertaking. The EPR was required to address project design and operation details for the undertaking, including but not limited to: assessment of the geological containment of the basin outside the well bore, drilling methodology, berm design, storage, analysis and handling of drilling fluids, and well decommissioning. Guidelines for the preparation of the EPR were issued to the proponent on June 28, 2013. Public comments regarding the EPR are welcome and must be received no later than October 2, 2013. The document can be viewed on the Department's website indicated below. The Minister will decide the acceptability of the EPR and a decision is due by October 12, 2013. For further information on this project contact the Chair of the Assessment Committee, Paul Rideout, at (709)729-0834 or e-mail at paulrideout@gov.nl.ca.

UNDERTAKING RELEASED:

Western Newfoundland Local Waste Management and Public Drop-Off Facilities Proponent: Western Newfoundland Waste Management Authority (Reg. 1712)

The project is released subject to the following conditions:

- The Bonne Bay South public drop-off facility, site options 2 and 3, are not approved due to potentially conflicting nearby land uses or surface water concerns.
- Activities associated with this proposal are required to comply with the latest versions of the Environmental Standards for Municipal Solid Waste Transfer Stations, Material Recovery Facilities, Composting Facilities, Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Sites and Construction and Demolition Debris Waste Disposal Sites, developed by the Pollution Prevention Division of the Department of Environment and Conservation.

UNDERTAKING WITHDRAWN:

Mount Pearl Commercial Spray Painting Booth

Proponent: C & W Offshore

(Reg. 1601)

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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