

Environmental Assessment Bulletin

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

UNDERTAKING REGISTERED:

Mount Pearl/Donovan's Spray Painting Booth (Reg. 1774)
Proponent: C&W Offshore Ltd.

The proponent proposes to establish a sandblasting and spray painting facility at 16 Lintrose Place in Donovan's Industrial Park, Mount Pearl. The sandblasting and painting will be done in a recently converted warehouse. This facility will take large fabricated items and perform a complete surface protection system along with packaging for shipment.

The undertaking was registered on December 22, 2014; the deadline for public comments is January 22, 2015; and the minister's decision is due by February 5, 2015.

MINISTER'S DECISION EXTENDED:

Argentia Access Road Mink Farm (Reg. 1772)
Proponent: Viking Fur Inc.

The Minister of Environment and Conservation and the proponent, Viking Fur Inc., have agreed to extend the review period for this proposal. The minister's decision which was due on January 3, 2014 has been extended to January 19, 2015.

CHANGES TO PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Joyce Lake Direct Shipping Iron Ore Project (Reg. 1674)
Proponent: Labec Century Iron Ore Inc.

On November 6, 2014 Labec Century Iron Ore Inc. informed the Department of Environment and Conservation of several key changes to the project description, including but not limited to the construction and operation of a rock causeway across Iron Arm to replace the previously proposed ice bridges and barge landings, the use of dry processing for iron ore processing (instead of both wet and dry processing), the relocation of the project infrastructure associated with operations and production to the north side (mine pit side) of Iron Arm and the elimination of the tailings management facility. Additional information including causeway construction details was submitted by the proponent on December 17, 2014. The project description changes are available and may be accessed on the department's website (see below). The deadline for public comments is January 27, 2015.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE APPOINTED:

Southern Labrador Waste Disposal Facility (Reg. 1765)
Proponent: Eastern Waste Management

On December 9, 2014, the minister advised the proponent that an Environmental Preview Report (EPR) is required for this project. An Environmental Assessment Committee has now been appointed to provide scientific and technical advice to the minister and to prepare draft guidelines for conducting the EPR. The Environmental Assessment Committee has representation from the following provincial and federal government agencies:

- Department of Environment and Conservation
 - Environmental Assessment Division - Committee Chairperson
 - Pollution Prevention Division
 - Water Resources Management Division
- Municipal and Intergovernmental Affairs
- Service NL - Government Service Centre
- Natural Resources
- Environment Canada

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

Bear Creek Recreational Facility RV Park and Camping (Reg. 1764)
Proponent: Cooney Holdings Ltd

The project is released subject to the following conditions:

- A minimum buffer zone of 100 metres must be maintained between any water body and the storage of oils, greases, diesel, gasoline, hydraulic and transmission fluids, including re-fueling and maintenance activities involving these fluids.
- A minimum 30-metre naturally vegetated buffer must be maintained along all water bodies and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitat. The use of natural openings for recreational use of water bodies is highly recommended to prevent degradation of natural riparian habitat.

Point May - North West Pond ATV Trail (Reg. 1743)
Proponent: Greater Lamaline Area Multi-Purpose Trail Association Inc.

L'Anse Au Loup Diesel Plant Upgrade (Reg. 1770)
Proponent: Newfoundland & Labrador Hydro

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT AMENDMENT REQUIRED:

Wabush 3 Open Pit Mine Project (Reg. 1711)
Proponent: Iron Ore Company of Canada (IOC)

Following public and agency review of the August 8, 2014 submission of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Wabush 3 Open Pit Mine Project, the minister has advised the proponent that an Environmental Impact Statement Amendment is required. The Amendment will supplement the EIS by providing, but not limited to, additional baseline information on surface and groundwater resources and include additional modelling scenarios for water resources in the vicinity of the Project, air dispersion modelling and a Newfoundland and Labrador Benefits Plan.

For further information on this project please contact the Environmental Assessment Committee Chairperson, Ivy Stone, at (709) 729-0900 or email at ivystone@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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<http://www.gov.nl.ca/env>

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