

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:

Bay de Verde Shell By-Product Drying Facility (Reg. 1808)
Proponent: Quinlan Brothers Limited

Quinlan Brothers Limited is proposing the development of a shell by-product drying facility in an effort to deal with the vast quantities of shell waste generated from their primary shellfish processing activities in Bay de Verde. Currently, the shell is landfilled at a site approved by the Town of Bay de Verde and the Province. To align with the Provincial Waste Management Strategy, Quinlan Brothers is proposing the development of this new facility, to be constructed approximately 600 metres off Main Road in Bay de Verde on the same route currently being used to transport shell to the existing landfill. Shell waste from the plant will be transported to the facility for processing (drying and packaging) without the use of any chemicals and the packaged product will be shipped to market. Air emissions will be steam from the drying process while small amounts of water from the washing process will be diverted to a septic system. Construction is expected to commence late Fall 2015.

The undertaking was registered on September 1, 2015; the deadline for public comments is October 9, 2015; and the minister's decision is due by October 16, 2015.

ENVIRONMENTAL PREVIEW REPORT REQUIRED:

St. Lawrence AGS Vein Fluorspar Mine (Reg. 1794)
Proponent: Canada Fluorspar (NL) Inc.

The minister has determined that an Environmental Preview Report (EPR) is required for this project. The EPR is necessary to provide additional information including, but not limited to, alternatives analysis for tailings management, wetland and freshwater fish/habitat survey, groundwater monitoring plan, air emissions inventory, noise and radon survey, and employment information. An Environmental Assessment Committee will be appointed to provide scientific and technical advice to the minister, and guidance regarding the information requirements to the proponent. The minister will issue guidelines to the proponent to assist with the development of the EPR. The public will be invited to provide comments on the EPR upon its submission. For further information on the project, please contact Paul Carter at (709) 729-0188 or email at pcarter@gov.nl.ca.

UNDERTAKINGS RELEASED:

FMD 9/16 Five-Year Plan Amendment - Beaches Domestic Harvesting
Proponent: Department of Natural Resources (Reg. 1796)

Piper's Hole River Quarry
Proponent: BOCI Services

(Reg. 1797)

The project is released subject to the following condition:

- A 50-metre naturally vegetated buffer be maintained from the shoreline of the estuary and Piper's Hole River, and around the visible freshwater body to the southwest of the parcels.

Extension to Robert E. Howlett Memorial Drive
Proponent: Department of Transportation and Works

(Reg. 1776)

The project is released subject to the following conditions:

- Transportation and Works is required to prepare and submit an Environmental Protection Plan to be approved by the Minister of Environment and Conservation prior to the commencement of any project construction.
- Where construction will occur in or near wetlands, the proponent will minimize negative environmental effects through the application of suggested mitigations, permit requirements and procedures outlined in an approved Environmental Protection Plan.

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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Public comments can be sent to EAprojectcomments@gov.nl.ca

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