

Municipal Affairs and Environment

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Environmental Assessment Bulletin

The Honourable Eddie Joyce, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment, has announced the following events relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the Environmental Protection Act.

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

Foxtrot Rare Earth Element Mine
Proponent: Search Minerals Inc.

(Reg.1936)

The proponent proposes to develop a rare earth element mine in southeastern Labrador, nine kilometres northwest of St. Lewis, to mine for elements such as Neodymium, Praseodymium, Europium, Terbium, Dysprosium, and Yttrium. The mine will progress from an open pit operating for six months of the year (May to October) to underground where it will operate 12 months of the year. An onsite processing mill will produce 10 tonnes of product per day and will operate year round. The product will be stored at the mill site until ready to be trucked to the destination market. Other onsite facilities will include a waste rock dump, ore stockpile, dry stack residue pad, crusher and processing facility, a polishing pond, and administrative buildings. The mine is expected to be in production for 14 years and will employ between 139 and 222 individuals.

The project is also subject to review under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act 2012, and is undergoing a separate environmental assessment with the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency. Information on the federal comment period can be found online at <http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/050/navigation-eng.cfm?type=3&id=1>The undertaking was registered on December 1, 2017; the deadline for public comments is January 9, 2018; and the minister's decision is due by January 15, 2018.

The Old Trail Development, Eastport Peninsula
Proponent: The Town of Salvage and the Town of Sandy Cove

(Reg.1937)

The proponents propose to redevelop an existing hiking trail network and to construct an additional section of trail between the Town of Salvage and the Town of Sandy Cove on the Eastport Peninsula. The total length will be approximately 12 kilometres traversing various terrain from open barrens with coastal views to forest canopy.

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