

Municipal Affairs and Environment

April 20, 2018

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.

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC REVIEW:

Foxtrot Rare Earth Element Mine
Proponent: Search Minerals Inc.

(Reg. 1936)

The proposed Foxtrot Rare Earth Element Mine in Labrador is undergoing a provincial environmental assessment and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required. The Environmental Assessment Committee has prepared draft EIS guidelines that identify the information that must be included in the EIS. The public is invited to review these guidelines and provide written comments by May 30, 2018. Comments received will be reviewed and considered before the EIS guidelines are finalized and issued to the proponent.

More information on the project is available on the department's website at:
http://www.mae.gov.nl.ca/env_assessment/projects/Y2017/1936/index.html.

Written comments must be submitted by May 30, 2018 to:

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This project is also undergoing a federal assessment under the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act. Information on the federal assessment of the project can be found at: <https://www.ceaa.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80143>

UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

Ming's Bight (Argyle) Gold Mine
Proponent: Anaconda Mining Inc.

(Reg.1959)

The proponent proposes to develop the Argyle gold mine project near the community of Ming's Bight on the Baie Verte Peninsula. The project will include an open pit mine and stockpile areas for waste rock and ore materials. The mining operation is anticipated to include an average of 530 tonnes per day of ore and 3,550 tonnes per day of waste material. The open pits (east and west) will produce approximately 405,000 tonnes of ore and 2,228,000 tonnes of waste rock over the lifespan of the mine. The proposed project site area is approximately 37.5 hectares in total. Processing and milling of the ore is planned to be at the proponent's Pine Cove Mill site by a network of access roads approximately 6.5 kilometres long.

The undertaking was registered on April 19, 2018; the deadline for public comments is May 25, 2018; and the minister's decision is due by June 3, 2018.

Salmonier Line Cottage Development
Proponent: Gerbar Holdings Inc.

(Reg. 1958)

The proponent proposes to develop 65 recreational cottage lots on the northwest side of Salmonier Line (Route 90), approximately one kilometre southwest of the Trans Canada Highway intersection on the Avalon Peninsula. The approximately 32 hectare area will be developed over a three to five year period. The project will include approximately nine kilometres of gravel road and a similar length of new electrical transmission line.

The undertaking was registered on April 18, 2018; the deadline for public comments is May 25, 2018; and the minister's decision is due by June 2, 2018.

Terra Nova ATV Trail
Proponent: Fred Cox

(Reg. 1957)

The proponent proposes to construct a six kilometre ATV trail from the T'Railway Provincial Park approximately 2.5 kilometres west of the Town of Terra Nova to access a recreational cottage on the north shore of Terra Nova Lake. The trail construction will include clearing and grubbing.

The undertaking was registered on April 17, 2018; the deadline for public comments is May 25, 2018; and the minister's decision is due by June 1, 2018.

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Learn more

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