



GOVERNMENT OF  
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Department of Environment

# **GUIDELINES**

for the preparation of the

**Avondale Drag Racing**

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PREVIEW REPORT**

(Proponent: Mr. Bernard Hickey)

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Government of Newfoundland and Labrador

## **PREFACE**

These EPR Guidelines are intended to assist the proponent, Mr. Bernard Hickey, with the preparation of the Environmental Preview Report (EPR) for the proposed Avalon Drag Racing Project.

The Guidelines outline the format for the organization of the EPR and highlight the major items that should be included in the various sections.

The purpose of the EPR is to identify the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed undertaking and to identify appropriate mitigative measures. The EPR is expected to contain a review of available pertinent information that supplements the information already provided by the proponent in the registration for this project. The purpose of the information in the EPR is to assist the Minister of Environment in making a determination as to whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required for the undertaking. The EPR is expected to be as concise as possible, while presenting the comprehensive information necessary to make an informed decision.

The EPR will update and expand upon the information provided in the original registration and focus on information gaps identified in the government and public review of the registration. Information gaps should be addressed in sufficient detail to enable the Minister of Environment to make an informed decision regarding the potential for significant environmental impact from the undertaking.

The contents of the EPR should be organized according to the following format, but should include any subsequently identified changes to the information provided in the registration:

### **1. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT**

Provide complete information concerning the preferred choice of location, together with additional information on any alternatives, including alternative sites for the drag strip which may have been considered and rejected. If any are noted, state the reasons(s) for their rejection.

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Explain the rationale for the project including a justification of why the original facility planned for the site was never completed.

### **1.1 Geographical Location**

Describe the proposed site, planned layout and infrastructure (parking, viewing stands, buildings, drag strip surface, concession stands, septic system, drainage systems, etc.). A detailed site plan showing the layout and infrastructure should be drawn to scale.

An attached 1:50,000 scale base map indicating the location of the undertaking in relation to existing communities and cottage areas, as well as a detailed plan drawn to suitable scale depicting associated infrastructure must be included.

### **1.2 Construction**

State the total construction period anticipated and identify potential sources of conflicts (ie. noise, fumes, fires, petroleum product discharge to soil and water), and mitigative proposals.

List all permits and authorizations required for the development of this project.

### **1.3 Operation and Maintenance**

All aspects of the operation and maintenance of the proposed undertaking should be presented in detail. Details of any anticipated expansion of the facility or additional uses of the site should be described. Identify potential sources of conflicts and mitigative proposals.

### **1.4 Abandonment**

The predicted lifespan of the project must be indicated. Details regarding progressive rehabilitation must be presented. In the event that the project is abandoned, details must also be included regarding decommissioning and subsequent rehabilitation of the site.

The proponent must demonstrate that he has sufficient resources to complete any rehabilitation and decommissioning required upon abandonment or as the need arises.

## **2. ENVIRONMENT**

### **2.1 Resource Use and Users**

Identify the adjacent resource uses and users such as berry picking, hiking, fishing, swimming and recreational cottage use.

### **2.2 Mitigation**

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Identify proposed mitigation for potential conflict between the undertaking and adjacent resource uses and users, with specific reference to berry picking, hiking, fishing, swimming and recreational cottage use.

Mitigation measures in the event of an accidental release of toxic effluent should also be identified.

Describe in detail, the measures proposed to clean up the existing site and those which will be taken to keep the area in good order during construction and operation of the drag racing facility.

### **2.3 Preliminary Impact Assessment**

Provide a preliminary evaluation of the significance of the impacts of the undertaking with specific reference to:

- recreational use of the area, such as hiking, berry picking, fishing and swimming.
- noise pollution and its possible impact on wildlife, cottages and residences in the area.
- risks to Avondale River, including fish and fish habitat during construction and after the project becomes operational.

## **3. PROJECT-RELATED DOCUMENTS**

Provide a bibliography of all project-related documents already generated for or by the proponent (ie. business plan or feasibility study).

## **4. PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Identify any consultations held to-date regarding the proposed undertaking including, consultations with local area residences and cottagers.

The proponent must hold a public information meeting to clearly describe the project to interested members of the public (appendix A, attached).

The required 35 copies of the EPR should be sent, together with a covering letter, to:

Minister  
Department of Environment  
P.O. Box 8700  
St. John's, NF  
A1B 4J6

## APPENDIX A - PUBLIC NOTICES

Under the provisions of the Environmental Assessment Regulations 2000, Section 10, and where the approved Environmental Preview Report Guidelines require public information meeting(s), the following specified public notification requirements must be met by the proponent prior to each meeting:

Minimum information content of public advertisement - (Proponent to substitute appropriate information for italicised items):

Minimum newspaper ad size: 2 column widths.

Minimum posted ad size: 7" x 5"

Minimum newspaper ad coverage: Weekend preceding meeting and 3 consecutive days prior to meeting date; to be run in newspaper locally distributed within the meeting area or newspaper with closest local distribution area.

Minimum posted ad coverage: Local Town or City Hall or Office, and local Post Office, within town or city where meeting is held, to be posted continually for 1 full week prior to meeting date.

Any deviation from these requirements for any reason must receive prior written approval of the Minister of Environment.