

MAY 20 2016

Reg. 1725

Mr. Jeff Ivany  
Mr. Jason Ivany  
Mr. Stephen Sutton

Dear Sirs:

**RE: Big Triangle Pond Mineral Exploration and Access Road Project – EA 1725**

Further to my 15 February 2016 correspondence, the appeal process is now complete. Bearing in mind the purpose of Part X of the *Environmental Protection Act* and after careful consideration of the Proponent's and your submissions, comments received during the public review period as well as government agency comments and recommendations received during the review of the 2014 Environmental Preview Report (EPR), I have decided to revise the 10 October 2014 release decision and require an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

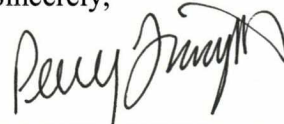
The reasons for my revised decision are as follows:

- The rationale provided by Eagleridge for the road and alternative means of conducting the mineral exploration activities have not been adequately presented and analyzed by Eagleridge.
- The potential effects of project activities, including the road, on the biophysical and socio-economic environments of the project area have not been adequately presented and analyzed by Eagleridge.
- Significant public concerns identified by you and the public during both the EPR review and appeal processes.
- The Environmental Assessment Committee (EAC), by way of the EAC Chair, recommended on 4 April 2014 that the Minister require an EIS. The issues identified by the EAC overlap with those noted in the public submissions both in the initial EA and during the appeal process.
- A public and EAC review is required of the additional information submitted by Eagleridge on 22 March 2016 including the background information referenced but not provided in that submission.

As per s. 55 and s. 59 of the *Environmental Protection Act*, the public will be invited to review and provide comment on draft EIS guidelines before being finalized and issued to the Proponent.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Mr. Bas Cleary, Director, Environmental Assessment Division at (709) 729-0673 or Mr. Brent Keeping at (709) 729-4223 or by email at [bkeeping@gov.nl.ca](mailto:bkeeping@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Perry Trimper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "P".

**PERRY TRIMPER, MHA**  
District of Lake Melville  
Minister

cc: Aaron L. Felt