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Reg. #1819

Mr. Mike Cole
Managing Director
Fugro GeoSurveys
25 Pippy Street
St. John's NL A1B 3X2

Dear Mr. Cole:

RE: Eddies Cove Oil Spill Detection/Testing Facility

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act*, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Upon consideration of the comments received, I have concluded that there is insufficient detail to determine the environmental effects of this undertaking. Therefore I am requiring you to prepare an Environmental Preview Report.

The Environmental Preview Report will be required to address the issues and concerns brought forward by the reviewing agencies during the review of this undertaking.

An environmental assessment committee will be appointed to provide technical and scientific advice to you on the preparation of the Environmental Preview Report. As per the legislation, you will be issued guidelines for the completion of the Environmental Preview Report. Project information requirements will have to address, but are not limited to:

- The potential of the project to affect rare or uncommon plants.
- The justification for the project that compares other sites and methods of testing.
- The potential exposure of the marine environment to an oil spill.

Please note that in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act*, project activities may not proceed until the proposal is released from the environmental assessment process. The project may also be subject to cost recovery to offset the costs incurred by the Crown in conducting the environmental assessment.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Mr. Bas Cleary, Director, Environmental Assessment Division at 709-729-0673.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Perry Trimper", is positioned above the printed name.

PERRY TRIMPER, MHA
District of Lake Melville
Minister