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Registration #1838

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Mr. Terrence Penney
Metro Environmental Limited
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Dear Mr. Penney:

Re: Argentia Access Road Industrial Composting Facility

The second addendum to the environmental preview report (EPR Addendum 2) submitted on February 20, 2018, has been reviewed and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the Environmental Assessment Committee and the public, as required by the Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2 (the Act). Upon consideration of the comments received, please be advised that an environmental impact statement (EIS) is required to address public concern.

As per the legislative requirements of section 57 of the Act, you will be issued guidelines that will outline the information required to be submitted as part of the EIS, including but not limited to the following:

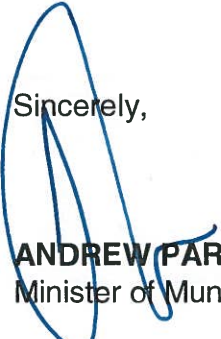
- information to demonstrate the economic viability of the undertaking, which is proposed on agricultural land;
- a program of public information to address public concerns and improve public acceptability of the undertaking.

Please note that you will be required to provide to the minister, information on the estimated capital costs of the undertaking. As per the Department's policy directive on fees, the undertaking may be subject to cost recovery to offset the costs incurred by the Crown in conducting the environmental assessment.

Please be reminded that, in accordance with the Act, project activities may not proceed until the proposed undertaking is released from the Environmental Assessment process.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Dr. Susan Squires, Director of Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or email susansquires@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Parsons".

ANDREW PARSONS, QC
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

cc: Hon. Sherry Gambin-Walsh, MHA
District of Placentia-St. Mary's