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Registration 1838

Mr. Terrence Penney
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Dear Mr. Penney:

RE: Argentia Access Road Composting Facility Project

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, please be advised that an environmental preview report (EPR) is required.

The EPR is necessary to provide information concerning the effects of the undertaking over the lifetime of the project to the people whose environment may be affected, and to meet with the local community to identify and respond to their concerns regarding the environmental effects. Additional information requirements shall address, but are not limited to:

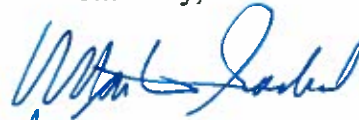
- adequate ventilation and negative air pressure when doors are open; demonstrating sufficient equipment and space requirements for receiving, storing, mixing, composting and curing activities; and providing a separate area away from the composting activities for staff to eat and shower;
- design plans for an adequate leachate collection system and an adequately sized biofilter capable of functioning year-round;
- details of the proposed composting technology and process to be implemented at the facility, including identification of sufficient feedstock supply and equipment to be used to maintain and manage the composting process;
- provision of respiratory protective equipment and periodic indoor air quality testing to ensure a safe environment for workers;
- at least one operator/employee on-site trained in the operation of an industrial composting facility, with training certified by the Composting Council of Canada, Solid Waste Association of North America, or equivalent;
- testing of the finished product to be conducted and reported to the Department of Environment and Conservation to ensure compliance with CCME Compost Quality Guidelines;
- an on-going vector management plan;

- a decommissioning plan for site clean-up, repair and rehabilitation, and removal or securing of infrastructure, equipment and access;
- a fire and emergency plan developed in consultation with and approved by Fire and Emergency Services-NL; and
- information required by the Department of Advanced Education and Skills pertaining to National Occupation Classification (NOC 2011) codes and associated positions.

An Environmental Assessment Committee will be appointed for the purpose of providing technical and scientific advice to you regarding the preparation of an EPR. As per the legislative requirements, you will be issued guidelines for the completion of the EPR. Please be reminded that, in accordance with the *Environmental Protection Act*, project activities may not proceed until the proposal is released from the Environmental Assessment Process.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Mr. Bas Cleary, Director, Environmental Assessment Division at (709) 729-0673 or via email at clearyb@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



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District of Lake Melville
Minister