

File # 2.1122.0001
Reg. #1912

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Ms. Vickey Budgell
P.O. Box 298
Bishop's Falls NL A0H 1C0

Dear Ms. Budgell:

RE: Exploits River Non-commercial Animal and Vegetable Farm

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. Please be advised that this undertaking is **released** from further environmental assessment, subject to the following condition:

- A minimum 30-meter naturally vegetated buffer must be maintained along all watercourses, waterbodies, and wetlands to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitat.

The Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment advises that the use of Pesticides requires a Pesticide Applicator Licence, and that a minimum separation distance of 30 metres must be maintained between areas used for mixing and loading of concentrated pesticides and the nearest water body. A minimum separation distance of 15 metres must be maintained between areas used for spraying of any agricultural crop with the diluted formulation and the nearest waterbody. Please contact the Pesticides Control Section of Municipal Affairs and Environment at (709) 729-6054 to arrange for examination and to schedule a Pesticide Storage Inspection.

Municipal Affairs and Environment further advises that you must apply for and obtain a Permit for Constructing a Non-Domestic Well under Section 58 of the Water Resources Act, 2002, prior to the start of construction. In this instance, where there is an existing well, a permit is still required in order to assess the capacity and quality of the groundwater and to ensure there is adequate water of good quality for the intended use. For more information please contact the Groundwater Section of Municipal Affairs and Environment at (709) 729-2539.

The Department of Service NL advises that, should manure be used as fertilizer, it must not be stored or spread within 30 metres of a watercourse or 90 metres of any well or public water supply. All manure storage systems must be impervious and should be covered to reduce odour problems.

Environment and Climate Change Canada recommends that land clearing should be avoided during the nesting period for migratory birds, which occurs between April 15 and August 15 in this region for landbirds, and April 1 through August 30 for seabirds.

Although the undertaking, as proposed, is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements. You must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You are required to inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

You are encouraged to refer to the BizPaL website at www.bizpal.ca. BizPaL is an online tool that generates a list of permits, licenses and authorizations that may be required when starting or expanding a business. You are also encouraged to contact Canada Business Newfoundland and Labrador (CBNL) for any additional information you may need in dealing with various levels of government. CBNL serves as a first point of access to federal and provincial government services, programs and regulatory requirements for business. CBNL can be reached by telephone at 1-888-576-4444 or online at www.canadabusiness.gc.ca.

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 that reads "Eddie Joyce".

EDDIE JOYCE, MHA

District of Humber-Bay of Islands
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

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