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Mr. Byron Reid
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Dear Mr. Reid:

RE: Victoria Sheep Farm and Abattoir

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental environmental assessment screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by Part X of 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:

- You must maintain a 30 metre buffer along wetlands and streams to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species and their habitat. You must not clear any vegetation within 800 metres of a bald eagle or osprey nest during the nesting season (March 15 to July 31) and 200 metres during the remainder of the year. The 200 metre buffer also applies to other raptor nests. The location of any raptor nest site must be reported to the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources. For further information, please contact the Wildlife Division of the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources at 709-637-2025.

The Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour requests additional information be provided regarding jobs associated with the operation of the farm and abattoir, specifically the hiring arrangements and the 2016 National Occupational Classification codes associated with the positions. For additional information, please contact the Department of Advanced Education, Skills and Labour at 709-729-0226.

The Pollution Prevention Division of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment advises that a Waste Management Certificate of Approval is required prior to operating a livestock facility that consists of five or more animal units. A comprehensive Waste Management Plan will need to be submitted as part of the approval process. For more information, please contact the Pollution Prevention Division at 709-729-7012.

The Water Resources Management Division of the Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment advises that Island pond/Flings pond public water supply is adjacent to the subject property and any effluent from the facility should be prevented from entering Flings

Big Pond or the 50-metre no development buffer around that pond. For more information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at 709-729-7634.

The Department of Service NL advises that the development of a livestock operation in excess of five animal units requires the applicant to submit certified engineer's plans, profile and specifications, of the proposed livestock's water supply, manure handling and storages facilities to Service NL. A Certificate of Approval would be required from Service NL before the facility is put into operation. Service NL also advises that manure shall not be spread or stored within 30 meters of a waterbody/watercourse or within 75 metres of any well or water supply used for drinking purposes. A copy of the farm's five year plan must be submitted to Service NL. For further information, please contact the Harbour Grace Government Service Center at (709) 945-3107.

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. Please note that 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.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director (A), Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



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