

## Environment and Climate Change

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### Environmental Assessment Bulletin

The Honourable Bernard Davis, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, has announced the following relative to Part 10 Environmental Assessment of the **Environmental Protection Act**.

#### PLAN ACCEPTABLE:

##### **Freshwater Kennedy Farm Abattoir**

(Reg. 2254)

**Proponent: Kennedy Farm Inc.**

On February 8, 2023, the Minister advised the Proponent that the Waste Management Plan for the Freshwater Kennedy Farm Abattoir was found to be acceptable. The Plan was required by a condition of release from environmental assessment and is available on the Department's Project web page at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/projects/project-2254/>.

#### UNDERTAKING RELEASED:

##### **Burgeo Rifle Range Site Remediation**

(Reg. 2283)

**Proponent: Department of National Defense**

The Project is released from environmental assessment subject to the following conditions:

- The Proponent must uphold all commitments made in the environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the Project on the environment.
- The Water Resources Management Division of the Department of Environment and Climate Change requires that a Water Resource Management Plan be submitted for review and approval prior to project commencement and the Plan must include the following:
  - Sediment and siltation control approaches;
  - Installation of settling ponds and other engineered methods such as settling tanks to meet the acceptable TSS guideline of 30mg/L;
  - Alternate approaches to the treatment of surface water and discharge location;
  - Location of on-site water treatment facility;
  - Water sampling and water quality monitoring plan; and
  - Decommissioning and/or potential future use plan for remaining monitoring wells.
- The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture requires the following:
  - The Short-eared Owl is listed as Threatened under the Newfoundland and Labrador **Endangered Species Act** (NLESA). This species is a ground nester and

therefore vulnerable to ground disturbances. If ground disturbance will occur between May 1 and August 15, a targeted survey for the Short-eared Owl is required before the Project commences and must be conducted by a qualified independent third party. If a nesting owl is suspected or detected, an 800-metre no-disturbance buffer will be required until August 15 or all young have fledged. Appropriate survey protocol should be obtained from the Wildlife Division by emailing [WildLifeReferrals@gov.nl.ca](mailto:WildLifeReferrals@gov.nl.ca).

- The Proponent must advise the Environmental Assessment Division when the conditions of release have been met, by e-mailing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) to demonstrate that the conditions have been fulfilled.
- The Proponent must update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of the Project, including a copy of all permits, licenses, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the Project, one year from the date of this release letter and provide additional updates if required.

### **Learn more**

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Environmental assessment information is available at:

<https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/env-assessment/>

[https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/files/GUIDE-TO-THE-PROCESS\\_Jan-2024.pdf](https://www.gov.nl.ca/ecc/files/GUIDE-TO-THE-PROCESS_Jan-2024.pdf)

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Project comments may be sent to: [EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca](mailto:EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca)

**Anyone submitting comments on a Project under environmental assessment is asked to please advise the Department if they DO NOT wish to have their comments shared with the Project Proponent.**

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