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Reg. # 2105

Mr. Nelson Williams
Kettle Hill Farm
Email: nel_williams@hotmail.com

Dear Mr. Williams:

Re: Hopeall 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 conditions:

- You are required to uphold all commitments made in your environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the project on the environment.
- All specified risk material generated from the abattoir must be transported in sealed leak-proof containers to the provincial agriculture incinerator located at Brookfield Road in St. John's for final disposal. Unusable non-specified risk material must also be transported to the provincial agriculture incinerator for final disposal. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency must be contacted to obtain any applicable permits for the off-site transportation of specified risk material. Should future plans involve the on-land burial of liquid or solid organic waste from abattoir operations, you are required to submit those plans to my Department to be reviewed for regulatory requirements, prior to finalizing the plans or commencing on-land burial activities. For further information, please contact the Pollution Prevention Division at (709) 729- 5782.
- The Pollution Prevention Division of my Department requires that a detailed Waste Management Plan that addresses all waste streams produced by the undertaking, including liquid and solid waste, must be submitted for my approval prior to the commencement of operations. For further information, please contact the Pollution Prevention Division at (709) 729-5872.



- The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture requires that vegetation clearing is not to occur 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 all other raptor nests (e.g. Northern Goshawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Merlin, American Kestrel, Great-horned Owl, Boreal Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl), and the location of any raptor nest site must be reported to the Wildlife Division of that Department. The Wildlife Division requires a minimum 30-metre undisturbed buffer be maintained along streams and waterbodies that appear on a 1:50,000 topographic map to protect sensitive riparian and aquatic species, and their habitat. For further information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (709) 637-2081.
- You are required to advise the Environmental Assessment Division when the conditions of release have been met, by emailing a written description, documents, and images (where applicable) to demonstrate that the conditions have been fulfilled to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.
- You are required to update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of your project, including a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for your project, one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates if required. Please email your project updates to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

Federal and provincial government departments and agencies that reviewed your project during the environmental assessment provide the following advice:

The Water Resources Management Division of my Department advises that you must apply for and obtain permits for any work in any body of water (including wetland), the construction of a non-domestic well (if required) and/or a water use licence for the use of water from any water source for any purpose, prior to the start of construction. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-2563 or email LeahBurry@gov.nl.ca.

The Pollution Prevention Division of my Department reminds you that all water discharged from the proposed site during construction and operation is subject to compliance with the Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations, 2003, under the **Water Resources Act**. For more information, please contact the Pollution Prevention Division at (709) 729-5782 or email locke@gov.nl.ca.



The Pollution Prevention Division and the Department of Digital Government and Service NL (DGSNL) require that all fuel storage tank systems, other than those connected to a heating appliance of a capacity of 2,500 litres or less, shall be registered prior to installation. Used oil and used glycol shall be retained in a tank or closed container, and the tank shall be registered and/or the container shall be approved by DGSNL. Devices or tanks used to separate and remove oily wastes from oil and water mixtures may require registration under the Used Oil and Used Glycol Control Regulations. For further information, please contact DGSNL at (709) 945-3114.

DGSNL requires that an application must be made for Fire/Life Safety and Building Accessibility review/approvals, an electrical permit is required for each meter and electrical plans must be submitted for approval, and any plans for a water and sewerage system must be submitted by an approved designer, for approval. Additionally, an application must be submitted for a food establishment licence, and an application must be made to the Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture for a licence to construct and operate a slaughterhouse. For further information, please contact DGSNL at (709) 945-3114.

The Occupational Health and Safety Division of DGSNL advises you to ensure that the activities associated with the development are conducted in compliance with the **Occupational Health and Safety Act** and its regulations. This includes the responsibility for ensuring that contractors hired to perform work also comply with this legislation. The Occupational Health and Safety Division reminds you to consider procedures related to the protection of workers related to COVID-19. Procedures must follow the requirements set forth by the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Newfoundland and Labrador (e.g. physical distancing, handwashing). For further information, contact the Occupational Health and Safety Division (709) 729-2706.

Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture advises that you must apply for a license to operate a meat plant and once the slaughterhouse is fully completed, it must have one satisfactory in-depth slaughterhouse inspection completed by DGSNL. The slaughterhouse must have potable water and is therefore required to have one satisfactory water sample free of coliforms, including E.coli, before it will be recommended for the licence. For further information, please contact the Animal Health Division at (709) 729-7476. Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture further advises that a commercial cutting permit is required prior to any harvesting or timber removal in the area. For further information, please contact the Department at (709) 637-2081.



The Department of Health and Community Services advises that the processing of meat products from an abattoir would be subject to the **Food Premises Act** and Regulations, and related guidelines. For further information, please contact the Environmental Public Health Division at (709) 729-3422.

The Local Governance and Land Use Planning Division of the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs advises you to consult with them regarding a development permit under the Trinity South Highway Protected Roads Zoning Regulations. For further information, please contact the Local Governance and Land Use Planning Division at (709) 729-3090.

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) recommends that you develop spill response contingency plans that consider potential accidents. ECCC–Canadian Wildlife Service (ECCC-CWS) requests that you provide a GIS file of the project boundaries and study area so that the project can be mapped. For further information, please contact ECCC-CWS at 1-800-668-6767.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada advises that the modernized **Fisheries Act**, which came into effect on August 28, 2019, includes fish and fish habitat protection provisions. If you are conducting work in or near water you should refer to the Projects Near Water website to get information about how to comply with the **Fisheries Act** and as well as information on the project review process. The Projects Near Water website is located at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html>. For further information, please contact the Fisheries Protection Program at (709) 772-4140.

Health Canada advises you to prepare a response plan in the event of an accident or malfunction with the potential to impact drinking/recreational water quality. If there is the potential for impacts to country foods resulting from the abattoir, you are advised to establish mitigation measures and a process to ensure that information on the impacts is collected and addressed. For further information, please contact Health Canada at (902) 237-7478.

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.



Please note that in accordance with Section 17 of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, the Minister's decision is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter. If you have not commenced your project within this three-year period, you may apply to extend the three-year period for a maximum of three one-year periods, if needed. Failure to apply for an extension will result in the expiry of the Minister's decision, and your project will have to be registered again for environmental assessment, should you wish to proceed. For further information, please email EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a horizontal line.

HON. BERNARD DAVIS, MHA
District of Virginia Waters – Pleasantville
Minister

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

Enclosures