

COR/2021/04353

Reg No. 2172

Dan Meade



Dear Mr. Meade:

Re: Argentia Seafood Processing Plant

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 the environmental assessment submission to mitigate the effects of the project on the environment.
- The Pollution Prevention Division of my department requires you to submit a comprehensive Waste Management Plan for all liquid and solid waste. The Waste Management Plan should include anticipated volumes of waste to be produced, as well as copies of any letters of agreement between you and the facilities accepting waste. For further information, please contact the Pollution Prevention Division at (709) 729-7012.
- The Office of Women and Gender Equality requires you to submit a Women's Employment Plan (WEP) for this project, to be approved by the Deputy Minister of that Office. The WEP shall identify specific commitments to support the recruitment, training, employment and retention of women. For further information and to request a template for the WEP, please contact the Office of Women and Gender Equality at (709) 729-5032.
- You are required to advise the Environmental Assessment Division when each of the conditions of release has been met, by emailing a written description, documents, and



images (where applicable) to demonstrate that the conditions have been fulfilled EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca.

- You are required to update the Environmental Assessment Division on the status of the project, including a copy of all permits, licences, certificates, approvals and other authorizations required for the project, within one year from the date of this release letter and to provide additional updates, if requested. Please email 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 Climate Change Branch of my Department directs you to section 9.36 of the National Building Code, which includes energy efficiency requirements for new buildings and advises that newly constructed buildings must comply with these energy efficiency requirements. The Climate Change Branch has developed a [Guide to Better Building Envelopes for Large Buildings](#), for your reference. For more information, please contact the Climate Change Branch at (709) 729-1485.

The Water Resources Management Division of my Department advises that a permit is required for any work in any body of water (including wetland) prior to the start of construction. The Water Resources Management Division and the Pollution Prevention Division of my Department advise that wastewater discharge from the site will have to meet the Environmental Control Water and Sewage Regulations for discharge to a sewer. For more information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-1646 or the Pollution Prevention Division at (709) 729-1810.

The Government Services Centre of the Department of Digital Government and Service NL advises that floor drains from service bays or other areas handling used or waste oils are to be routed through an oil water separator to remove oily waste before being discharged. Plans and specifications must be submitted for review and approval. Electrical plans must be submitted for review and approval, and an electrical permit is required for each meter. For more information, please contact the Government Service Centre at (709) 896-5428.

The Occupational Health and Safety Branch of Digital Government and Service NL advises you to ensure that activities associated with the project 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 associated with



the protection of workers related to COVID-19. Procedures must follow the requirements set forth by the Chief Medical Officer of Newfoundland and Labrador (e.g. physical distancing, handwashing).

The Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture advises you to avoid encroachment on the 20-metre railway reserve shown of the survey diagram included in your environmental assessment registration document. For more information, please contact Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture at (709) 729 – 4139.

The Department of Health and Community Services advises that food premises licenses under the **Food Premises Act** are non-transferable. A new application to the Department of Digital Government and Service NL (DGSNL) will be required. For more information, please contact Digital Government and Service NL at (709) 896-0248.

The Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs advises that development permits are required from the Town of Placentia for this undertaking. For more information, please contact the Local Governance and Land Use Planning Division at (709) 729-3090.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans advises that the modernized **Fisheries Act** includes fish and fish habitat protection provisions which came into effect on August 28, 2019. 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.

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 of the Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673 or joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bernard Davis", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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

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