

## **Environment, Conservation and Climate Change**

May 15, 2026

### **Environmental Assessment Bulletin**

The Honourable Chris Tibbs, Minister of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change, has announced the following relative to Environmental Assessment - Part 10 - of the **Environmental Protection Act**.

#### **Undertaking Registered:**

##### **Isle aux Morts River Exploration Drilling**

(Reg. 2409)

**Proponent: AuMEGA Metals Ltd.**

The proponent is proposing to conduct exploration drilling adjacent to the Isle aux Morts River located northwest of the town of Isle aux Morts. The proposed work would include a maximum of 20 drilling locations within 200 metres of the river. No drill sites would be situated within 50 metres of the highwater mark. Drilling activities would occur intermittently, year-round, with each drill hole expected to take two to four days to complete. Access to the drill sites would be by helicopter or via existing access trails, thereby avoiding the need to ford the river. A description of the project can be found on the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change website at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/env-assessment/projects-list/>.

The undertaking was registered on May 14, 2026. The deadline for public comment is June 19, 2026, and the minister's decision is due by June 28, 2026.

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

#### **Environmental Impact Statement Submitted:**

##### **Botwood and Area EVREC Green Energy Project**

(Reg. 2327)

**Proponent: Exploits Valley Renewable Energy Corporation (EVREC)**

The proponent is proposing to construct and operate a 3.5 gigawatt (GW) onshore wind energy project consisting of three wind farms with up to 530 turbines in the Central Newfoundland area, and a 150-megawatt solar farm and a 2.6 GW hydrogen/ammonia production facility in Botwood. The Minister of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change is seeking public comments on the environmental impact statement (EIS), a document that describes the project and provides an overview of the potential environmental effects of all phases of the project. To facilitate public participation, the EIS is available on the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change website at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/projects/project-2327/>.

Printed copies of the full EIS will be placed in Botwood and Grand Falls-Windsor public libraries.

Written comments must be received by July 4, 2026, and may be emailed to [EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca](mailto:EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca), or mailed to:

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### **Undertakings Released:**

**Thorburn Lake Forest Access Road Quarry** (Reg. 2399)  
**Proponent: L'Tuek Construction Inc.**

The project has been released from environmental assessment subject to the conditions as outlined in the minister's decision letter available on the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change website at:  
<https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/projects/project-2399/>.

**Exploits River Goodyear's Dam Upgrades** (Reg. 2398)  
**Proponent: Newfoundland and Labrador Hydro**

The project has been released from environmental assessment subject to the conditions as outlined in the minister's decision letter available on the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change website at:  
<https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/projects/project-2398/>.

**Bay de Verde Marine Residual Material Processing Facility** (Reg. 2397)  
**Proponent: Quinlan Brothers Limited**

The project has been released from environmental assessment subject to the conditions as outlined in the minister's decision letter available on the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change website at:  
<https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/projects/projects-2397/>.

### **Plans Accepted:**

**St. Lawrence Spaceport Complex** (Reg. 2375)  
**Proponent: NordSpace Atlantic Corporation**

On May 14, 2026, the minister advised the proponent that the Waste Management Plan for the project is acceptable. The Waste Management Plan was required by a condition of release from environmental assessment and is available on the Department of

Environment, Conservation and Climate Change website at:  
<https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/projects/project-2375/>.

**Terra Nova J-1 Quarry**

(Reg. 2313)

**Proponent: J-1 Contracting Ltd.**

On May 11, 2026, the minister advised the proponent that the Water Resources Management Plan for the project is acceptable. The Water Resources Management Plan was required by a condition of release from environmental assessment and is available on the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change website at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/projects/project-2313/>.

**Term of Decision Expired:**

**Doyles Quarry Extension**

(Reg. 2025)

**Proponent: Jeremy's Construction Limited**

The term of the minister's decision to release the project has expired. The project must be registered again for environmental assessment to proceed. Project information is available on the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change website at: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/projects/project-2025/>.

**Learn more**

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Environmental assessment information is available at:

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[https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/files/EA-Guide-to-the-Process\\_Mar-2026.pdf](https://www.gov.nl.ca/eccc/files/EA-Guide-to-the-Process_Mar-2026.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 should notify the Department of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change if they DO NOT wish to have their comments shared with the project proponent.**

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