

NOTICE

Registration of Undertaking for Environmental Assessment ENVIRONMENT ACT

This is to advise that on February 7, 2019, Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation (NPNS) registered the Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility (ETF) Project for environmental assessment, in accordance with Part IV of the Environment Act.

The NPNS pulp mill is located at Abercrombie Point adjacent to Pictou Harbour in Pictou County, Nova Scotia. The proposed project will consist of the development of a new ETF constructed on NPNS property, and a transmission pipeline that will carry treated effluent overland and then out into the marine environment and discharging at a diffuser (marine outfall). Construction will begin once applicable permits and approvals have been obtained, and is an estimated period of 21 months. It is estimated that operations will begin in the fourth quarter of 2020. The project is fundamental to the continued operation of the NPNS mill.

The new ETF will employ the AnoxKaldnes BAS™ Biological Activated Sludge process purchased from Veolia Water Technologies, which combines Moving Bed Biofilm Reactor (MBBR) technology with conventional activated sludge. Once treated, effluent will be sent through an approximately 15.5 km long pipeline. The pipeline follows the Highway 106 right-of-way for approximately 11.4 km, and then enters the marine environment adjacent to the Northumberland Ferries marine terminal and continues for approximately 4.1 km through Caribou Harbour to the Northumberland Strait, terminating at an engineered marine outfall.

Copies of the environmental assessment registration information may be examined at the following locations:

- Pictou Library, 40 Water Street, Pictou, NS
- New Glasgow Library, 182 Dalhousie Street, New Glasgow NS
- EA Branch website <http://www.novascotia.ca/nse/ea>

The public is invited to submit **written comments** on or before **March 9, 2019** to:

<http://www.novascotia.ca/nse/ea>

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All comments received from the public consultation will be posted on the department's website for public viewing (after the Minister of Environment has made a decision on this environmental assessment). In the case of an individual, the address, email and contact information will be removed before being placed on the website. By submitting your comments, you are consenting to the posting of your comments on the department's website.

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