

NOTICE OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

On June 18, 2007 the Minister responsible for the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency announced that the comprehensive study process is the most appropriate type of environmental assessment for the proposed crude oil refinery project at Southern Head, Placentia Bay, NL.

Under section 21.2 of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), where a project is referred to a responsible authority under section 21.1(1)(a), the responsible authority shall ensure that the public is provided with an opportunity, in addition to those provided under sections 21(1) and 22, to participate in the comprehensive study.

The Newfoundland and Labrador Refinery Corporation development proposal is also subject to a provincial Environmental Impact Statement under the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act*. The Environmental Impact Statement is subject to a 50-day public review period. The responsible authorities (Transport Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada) have decided, with agreement from the Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Assessment Division, that the 50-day Newfoundland and Labrador public review period will be used to meet the requirements of section 21.2 of CEAA as described above. Deadline for the comments is **September 15, 2007**. The Environmental Impact Statement can be viewed at:

<http://www.env.gov.nl.ca/env/Env/EA%202001/Project%20Info/1301.htm>

Transport Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada will consider all public comments submitted to the Newfoundland and Labrador Environmental Assessment Division pertaining to the scope of the federal comprehensive study. The federal environmental assessment will examine the significance of the environmental effects of the construction, operation, and decommissioning of the marine terminal (causeway, access trestle, jetty (phase 1), jetty expansion (phase 2)), heavy lift construction dock, tug berth; dam and intake on the system of ponds, the marine intakes and outfalls, and the stream crossing structures for the access road and pipelines; drawdown of the system of ponds as a result of water extraction; and infilling of streams and ponds within the refinery footprint.

All comments are to be submitted to the:

Director, Environmental Assessment Division
Department of Environment and Conservation
West Block, Confederation Building
P.O. Box 8700
St. John's, NL A1B 4J6

Comments will be considered by Transport Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada in the development of the Comprehensive Study Report. The Comprehensive Study Report will also be made available for public comment sometime after the 50-day Newfoundland and Labrador public review.

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