

NOTICE

Registration of Undertaking for Environmental Assessment ENVIRONMENT ACT

This is to advise that on July 6, 2007, Alton Natural Gas Storage LP registered an underground hydrocarbon storage facility project for environmental assessment, in accordance with Part IV of the *Environment Act*.

The purpose of the proposed undertaking near Alton, Nova Scotia is to develop an underground hydrocarbon storage facility in a series of engineered salt caverns at depths of over 700 m by means of a solution mining process. Water for the mining process will be carried between the Shubenacadie Estuary and the facility near Alton, via approximately 12 km of buried pipelines. Initially, four caverns will be formed over 18 to 24 months, with construction commencing in the fall of 2007. Depending on future market demand, the Project may develop as many as 10 to 15 caverns at a later date. The caverns will be developed in accordance with the requirements of the latest edition of Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Standard Z341, Storage of Hydrocarbons in Underground Formations.

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

- Stewiacke Branch Library, 295 George Street, Stewiacke, NS
- Truro Branch Library, 754 Prince Street, Truro, NS
- Clean Nova Scotia, 126 Portland Street, Dartmouth, NS
- Ecology Action Centre, Suite 31, 1568 Argyle St., Halifax, NS
- Nova Scotia Environment & Labour, 36 Inglis Place, 2nd Floor, Suite 3, Truro, NS
- Nova Scotia Environment & Labour, 5th Floor Library, 5151 Terminal Road, Halifax, NS
- EA website (when available) at <http://www.gov.ns.ca/enla/ea>

The public is invited to submit written comments to:
Environmental Assessment Branch
Nova Scotia Environment & Labour
P.O. Box 697, Halifax, NS, B3J 2T8

on or before July 19, 2007 or contact the department at (902) 424-3230, (902) 424-0503 (Fax), or e-mail at EA@gov.ns.ca.

All submissions received, including personal information, will be made available for public review in the Nova Scotia Environment & Labour Library, 5th floor, Halifax Office, 5151 Terminal Road.

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