

Donkin Export Coking Coal Project Public Comments Invited

The Proposed project

Xstrata Coal Donkin Management Limited is proposing the construction, operation and decommissioning of an underground coal mine facility at the site of the existing Donkin Mine located on the northeastern tip of Cape-Breton in Nova Scotia. The mine would have a lifespan of 30 plus years and extract approximately 3.6 million tonnes of coal per year.

The proposed Donkin Export Coking Coal Project is subject to both the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* and Nova Scotia's *Environment Act* and is undergoing a cooperative environmental assessment process.

Public Comment Period

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) and Nova Scotia Environment's (NSE) Environmental Assessment Branch invite the public to comment on the potential environmental effects of the project and the proposed measures to prevent or mitigate those effects as identified by the proponent.

Consultation Documents

A summary of the proponent's Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in both official languages is available on the Agency's website at www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca (registry reference number 11-03-63924). The complete EIS is available (in the language in which it was produced) on the NSE website at www.gov.ns.ca/nse/ea and on the Agency's website.

The Proposed Project Location



Paper copies of the consultation documents are available for viewing at the following locations:

Nova Scotia Environment Offices 295 Charlotte Street Sydney NS B1P 6H7	Donkin Branch Library Donkin Elementary School 81 Centre Ave. Donkin NS B1A 6N4
Nova Scotia Environment Offices 5151 Terminal Road Halifax NS B3J 2P8	Glace Bay Branch Library 121 Union Street Glace Bay NS B1A 2P8
James McConnell Memorial Library 50 Falmouth Street Sydney NS B1P 6X9	Ecology Action Centre 2705 Fern Lane Halifax NS B3K 4L3

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All comments received will be considered public.