

# Draft Industrial Approval for **NORTHERN PULP NOVA SCOTIA – SUMMARY**

Northern Pulp Nova Scotia operates a bleached kraft mill at Abercrombie Point, Pictou County.

The mill's existing industrial approval (operating license) expires on January 30, 2015, and mill operators have applied for a new one. Comments via written submissions on the draft approval will be accepted by email at [policy1@novascotia.ca](mailto:policy1@novascotia.ca) or by mail at the address below. Deadline for submissions is January 5, 2015.

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In tandem with the public review are consultations with Pictou Landing First Nations and mill operators. Feedback from these stakeholders and the public will be considered before the industrial approval is finalized and made effective on January 30, 2015.

The draft industrial approval focuses on three areas – air emissions, water usage and wastewater effluent – and once the terms and conditions of the approval are met, the mill's wastewater, water usage and air emissions will be consistent with what is achieved by other mills in North America.

### **As it relates to air issues...**

Reductions in particulate matter emissions are expected once the mill's new precipitator is operational in May 2015. The draft industrial approval requires strict adherence to new tighter limits.

The federal government is developing a new code of practice for air emissions. While the emission requirements are not yet finalized, the mill will be expected to adhere to them once implemented.

### **As it relates to water usage...**

The mill is a large consumer of water. The draft industrial approval requires the mill to reduce its water usage by 40% by 2020.

### **As it relates to wastewater...**

The draft industrial approval requires a 40% reduction in wastewater volume by 2020.