



RESPONSE TO PETITION

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PETITION NO.: **421-03200**

BY: **Ms. MAY (SAANICH-GULF ISLANDS)**

DATE: **FEBRUARY 6, 2019**

PRINT NAME OF SIGNATORY: **THE HONOURABLE CATHERINE MCKENNA**

Response by the Minister of Environment and Climate Change

SIGNATURE

Minister or Parliamentary Secretary

SUBJECT

Waste management

ORIGINAL TEXT

REPLY

On February 7, 2018, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency received a request for the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to designate the Northern Pulp Effluent Treatment Facility Replacement Project for a federal environmental assessment under section 14 of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012). The Agency subsequently commenced a review of the applicability of CEAA 2012 to the Project and sought input from other government departments, Indigenous groups and key stakeholders. On June 27, 2018, Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation informed the Agency that additional work was required to finalize the location of key project components, and the Agency paused its assessment pending receipt of the updated information. On January 31, 2019, the proponent formally submitted its provincial registration document to Nova Scotia Environment, which included the final project component locations. The Agency is currently seeking input from other government departments and Indigenous groups on this additional information before completing its analysis and making a recommendation to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change on whether a federal environmental assessment would be required.