



# *Pictou Landing Band*

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## **Re: Northern Pulp Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility**

Mr. Atkinson,

I write in response to your letter dated February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 on the above noted. Given that this project continues to raise grave concerns with Pictou Landing First Nation, I recommend that the Northern Pulp Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility be designated as a project for a federal environmental assessment under subsection 14(2) of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012 (CEAA 2012) due to the proximity to Pictou Landing First Nation, and the ability for federal policies and regulations to address traditional and current use activities.

The Mi'kmaq Nation in Nova Scotia has a general interest in all lands and resources in Nova Scotia as the Mi'kmaq Nation has never surrendered, ceded, or sold the Aboriginal title to any of its lands in Nova Scotia. The Mi'kmaq have a title claim to all of Nova Scotia and as co-owners of the land and its resources it is expected that any potential impacts to rights and title shall be addressed.

Pictou Landing First Nation is concerned that the Northern Pulp Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility will have impacts on the Mi'kmaq fisheries, including but not limited to, Food-Social-Ceremonial fisheries and Commercial Communal licenses.

The provincial environmental assessment process under the Nova Scotia Environment Act does not have the regulations and legislation to meaningfully and adequately consult with the Mi'kmaq on traditional and current use activities. Therefore, Pictou Landing First Nation expects the Northern Pulp Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility to proceed with a federal environmental assessment as the Canadian Environmental Assessment, 2012 (CEAA 2012) will better allow for meaningful and adequate consultation and accommodation to occur.



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We look forward to consultation with you on this matter.

Yours in Recognition of Mi'kmaq Rights and Title,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Chief Andrea Paul".

Chief Andrea Paul  
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