



Environmental Protection Operations Directorate (EPOD)
Prairie & Northern Region (PNR)
Eastgate Offices
9250 – 49th Street NW
Edmonton, Alberta T6B 1K5

July 25, 2016

ECCC File: 4194-10-3/6193
CEAR Reference: 80123

Anna Kessler
Project Manager, Prairie and Northern Region
Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
Suite 1145-9700 Jasper Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4C3

Via email: CEAA.Springbank.ACEE@ceaa-acee.gc.ca

**RE: 80123 – Alberta Transportation – Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project –
Draft EIS Guidelines**

Attention: Anna Kessler

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has completed a review of the following document provided by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) on June 23, 2016:

- Draft Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*, 2012. Springbank Off-Stream Reservoir Project, Alberta Transportation.

ECCC comments, attached, are based on the departmental mandate in the context of the pollution prevention provisions of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*. ECCC comments are focused on matters relating to water quality, migratory birds and environmental emergencies.

Comments are provided in consideration of the potential cumulative effects in association with the project; effects of changes to areas of the environment under ECCC's mandate on Indigenous peoples; and the methodology of the assessment and effects of changes to the environment.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Shelly Boss at (780) 951-8754 or shelly.boss@canada.ca.

Sincerely,
<Original signed by>

Susanne Forbrich
Regional Director, EPOD – PNR

Attachment(s): ECCC's comments in Excel Sheet and tracked in Word Document
(20160725_SpringbankReservoir_dEISg_ECCC Comments.xlsx)
(20160725_SpringbankReservoir_dEISg_ECCC Comments.docx)

cc: Shelly Boss, A/Senior Environmental Assessment Coordinator, EPOD-PNR
Corinna Watt, A/Head, Environmental Assessment South, EPOD-PNR
ECCC Review Team