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Request for Federal Expert Advice

- Environment and Climate Change Canada
- Natural Resources Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Health Canada

Dear Colleagues,

Subject: Review of new designation request and information for the Vivian Sand Project

Thank you for providing Federal Authority Advice on the Agency's August 16, 2021 request for review of information on the potential effects of the Vivian Sand Project (the Project), which was previously referred to as the Vivian Sand Processing Facility Project and Vivian Sand Extraction Project. This prior request was based on the Proponent's submission of new information about the extraction portion of the Project in their *Environment Act* Proposal, including a Hydrogeology and Geochemistry Assessment Report, to the Manitoba Conservation and Climate public registry at <https://www.gov.mb.ca/sd/eal/registries/6119/index.html>.

On September 8, 2021, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change (the Minister) received a request to designate the proposed Vivian Sand Project under subsection 9(1) of the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA). The letter requesting designation included an analysis of and questions regarding the information provided by the Proponent in their *Environment Act* Proposal.

The Agency is requesting your review of the attached designation request and additional information/questions from the Requester. Please provide any additional comments or advice resulting from your review of the additional attached information by **October 12, 2021**.



Important Note: All records produced, collected or received in relation to the designation request process – unless prohibited under the Access to Information Act or Privacy Act – will be considered public and may be released. Should you wish to provide any comments or documents that contain confidential or sensitive information that you believe should be protected from release to the public, please contact the Agency before submitting the information. Information marked as confidential will not be accepted without prior contact made with the Agency.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me by telephone at 587-357-6484 or e-mail shelly.boss@iaac-aeic.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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