

August 23, 2019



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Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our File #: OSW/08/2019]

On July 29th, 2019, *The Office for the Status of Women* received your request for access to the following records:

I am requesting copies of response letters / emails / communications - to an email sent out from Eric Watton to various Government Department Representatives acting as or on behalf of the "EA Screening Committee" regarding a Project titled "Marathon Gold Project" "Proponent: Marathon Gold Corporation" with a heading "Re: Registration 2015". This email was sent out to members of the EA Screening Committee on April 16-2019 with a form to be filled out and returned to EAProjectComments@gov.nl.ca by May 07-2019.

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the *Deputy Minister* for *The Office for the Status of Women* to provide access to the requested information.

In accordance with your request for a copy of the records, the appropriate copies have been enclosed.

Please be advised that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request, as set out in section 42 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the Act). A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner.

The address and contact information of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2 Canada Drive
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John's, NL. A1B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act.

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Completed Access to Information Requests website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

If you have any further questions, please contact me by telephone at 709-729-5730 or by email at MaggiePeyton@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,



Maggie Peyton
ATIPP Coordinator

OPINION REQUEST FORM

DATE (yyyy/mm/dd): 2019 / 05 / 01

File Ref. No. 2.2122.0057

Reg. No. 2015

NAME & AGENCY:

Office for the Status of Women

RE: Valentine Gold Project

BY: Marathon Gold Corporation

AT: 55 km southwest of Millertown, Central Newfoundland

Please check one of the following: (Record comments on attached sheet)

- a) An Environmental Impact Statement is recommended.
- b) An Environmental Impact statement may be required and an Environmental Preview Report is recommended.
- c) The Undertaking may be released from environmental assessment.
- d) Recommend undertaking be rejected due to unacceptable effects.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE NOMINATION:

Please complete the appropriate section:

- 1) I nominate Susan Furlong to represent this department on an Assessment Committee if one is needed.

I also nominate Maggie Peyton as an alternate in the event that the above nominee is unavailable.
- 2) I do not think it is necessary for this Department to be represented in this case and therefore will make no nominations.

Screening Representative Susan Furlong

Date(yyyy/mm/dd): 2019 / 05 / 01

Deputy Minister: Linda Ross

Date(yyyy/mm/dd): 2019 / 05 / 01

NOTE: OPINION IS DUE ON May 7, 2019

Registration # (2015 – Valentine Gold Project)

COMMENTS:

What are your agency's regulatory requirements relevant to this proposal?

The Office for the Status of Women supports the Department of Natural Resources' requirement that the development of a Benefits Agreement that meets the approval of the Minister of Natural Resources be included as a condition of release for the project. The Benefits Agreement must also include a Gender Equity and Diversity Plan that meets the requirements of the Minister responsible for the Status of Women. The proponent is required to finalize the Benefits Agreement and Gender Equity and Diversity Plan and obtain Ministerial approval prior to the commencement of site activities.

Provide details of any additional information that you require on the proposal and/or the environmental planning of the proposal.

Does your agency require that the proponent conduct original environmental or impact research before proceeding with this proposal? If so, provide details.

Additional comments based on your experience and expertise, but not directly related to your agency's mandate.
