

# GUIDE TO SUBMITTING COMMENTS IN NORTHERN PULP ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT



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Unifor's goal and stated objective has always been to find a solution at Northern Pulp that **supports thousands of good jobs, protects the environment, and respects Pictou Landing First Nation**. We believe this effluent treatment facility (ETF) project does just that.

With this in mind, we are encouraging our members to submit comments supporting the ETF.



# WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SUBMISSIONS



## Many supportive comments are needed.

There will be many people who write in to oppose this new ETF based on out-dated information and previous mill owners' actions and/or lack thereof. Nova Scotia Environment (NSE) must be reminded how this owner, Paper Excellence, and this ETF are improving the mill.

## Your comments will be made public.

Your comment will be posted anonymously on the NSE website after the public comment period closes. Please keep this in mind and remain respectful in your submission.

## Comments are accepted until November 8.

Please submit your comments as soon as possible to meet the deadline.



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2. Keep it simple, straight-forward and fact-based
3. Focus on the mandate of Nova Scotia Environment
4. Emphasize the third-party science contained in the Focus Report
5. Encourage others to submit supportive comments



# 1

## Use your expertise as a forestry worker (if applicable)

Through years of working in the forestry sector, and other industries, you may have considerable knowledge about the processes involved and know about how Canada's environmental standards and enforcement position our forestry sector to be among the cleanest in the world.

Use your knowledge of the industry's continuous improvements to say how important this new effluent treatment facility will be and why Nova Scotia Environment should rely on the best available science, contained in the report, to approve the project.

Share your comments about how forestry is a leading industry in Canada, providing good jobs from coast to coast.



## 2 Keep it simple, straight-forward and fact-based

Our role in submitting comments is to help educate and inform the public and Nova Scotia Environment on what we know to be good jobs, based in solid science. We know forestry, like any industry, has an impact, but what is being lost in much of the public discussion is that the forestry sector has increasingly become a renewable sector, focused on sustainability and implementing the best available processes to reduce impact on the environment.

Share your comments about how Canada is a world-leader in forestry regulations and enforcement and how 88 other pulp and paper mills across the country coexist and support their communities.





# 3

## Focus on the mandate of Nova Scotia Environment

As Unifor wrote in its first submission earlier this year, the Nova Scotia Environment Act is one that must balance the need to protect our shared environment and guide our economic development. The Act states NSE must consider:

*The linkage between economic and environmental issues, recognizing that long-term economic prosperity depends upon sound environmental management and that effective environmental protection depends on a strong economy.*

Share your comments about how this new effluent treatment facility meets the goal of balancing economic development with environmental protection.



# 4

## Emphasize the third-party science contained in the Focus Report

The Focus Report submitted by Northern Pulp contains the results of more than 20 different complex and detailed environmental tests – there are hundreds of pages of results, details and hard facts. You don't need to go through and cite every example or read the entire 2,600-page report. What is important to emphasize is the company addressed every concern raised in the initial public consultation comments and every question posed to them by Nova Scotia Environment.

Share your comments about how the project ought to be approved based on the science.



# 5

## Encourage others to submit supportive comments

There are many people and organizations who do not agree that both environmental concerns and economic concerns should and can be respected. We know there are many more who support good jobs and can also appreciate the need for careful and thorough environmental testing and precautions. Unifor believes this project achieves the necessary balance to sustain these good, mainly rural jobs across Nova Scotia, protect our precious marine and land resources and environment and establish a new legacy of respect with Pictou Landing First Nations as it moves water treatment away from their community and onto mill property.

Encourage your friends, colleagues and other supporters to share even a brief comment on the Nova Scotia Environment page. Your support is vital.



**CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT  
YOUR COMMENTS TO NSE**

In the drop-down menu to select a project, choose  
Replacement Effluent Treatment Facility Project.



## RESOURCES:

Unifor's previous submission, March 2019

Paper Excellence summary documents on the Northern Pulp Focus Report submission

Unifor "Save Northern Pulp Jobs" campaign page (with videos and important details)

Unifor Economic Impact Study on Northern Pulp (Backgrounder), August 2019

Unifor Economic Impact Study on Northern Pulp (FULL), August 2019

Government of Nova Scotia "A Citizen's Guide to Environmental Assessment"

Northern Pulp's Environmental Assessment, January 2019

All documents filed with Nova Scotia Environment for the new facility

