

EA1011-001
Nechalacho Rare Earth Element Project

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Nechalacho Rare Earth Element Project, Avalon Rare Metals Inc.

Re: Scheduling for the scoping sessions for the environmental assessment of Avalon Rare Metals Inc.'s Nechalacho Rare Earth Element Project - EA1011-001

The Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board) is conducting an environmental assessment of Avalon Rare Metals Inc.'s proposed Nechalacho Rare Earth Element Project. The project includes the activities and physical works related to Land Use Permit application MV2010D0017 and Water Licence application MV2010L2-005. The Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board referred this proposed development to environmental assessment "because the development proposal might have a significant adverse impact on the environment and be of public concern".

Community scoping sessions

During the scoping phase, Review Board staff will host community scoping sessions in Dettah, Fort Resolution, Lutsel K'e and Hay River. At each of these scoping sessions, Review Board staff will describe the Review Board's mandate, describe the environmental assessment process, and identify the goals of the scoping sessions. The developer will then give a presentation that describes their proposed development. Afterwards, organizations and individuals have an opportunity to highlight key issues about the proposed development for the Review Board to examine during the environmental assessment. Depending on the number of issues raised, these sessions may take from a couple of hours to a full day. There will be evening sessions as well to accommodate those who must work during the day.

In the interest of an efficient process, the Review Board encourages interested parties to review the application documents for Avalon's proposed development including the Project Description Report and appendices for the Nechalacho Rare Earth Element Project. This information is available on the Review Board's public registry at <http://www.reviewboard.ca/registry/>, as are other documents related to the scoping phase and the environmental assessment process.

Scoping scheduling

Review Board staff has scheduled community scoping sessions for the following dates:

Dettah, NT**Meeting place:** Chief Drygeese Conference Centre**Dates and duration:****Monday August 16th, 2010**

9am-12pm, Scoping session

12pm-1pm, Lunch (provided)

1pm-5pm, Scoping session



5pm-6pm, Dinner (provided)
6pm-9pm, Scoping session

Tuesday August 17th, 2010

9am-12pm, Scoping session
12pm-1pm, Lunch (provided)
1pm-5pm, Scoping session

Fort Resolution, NT

Meeting place: Antoine Beaulieu Memorial Hall

Dates and duration:

Tuesday August 24th, 2010

10am-12pm, Scoping session
12pm-1pm, Lunch (provided)
1pm-5pm, Scoping session
5pm-6pm, Dinner (provided)
6pm-9pm, Scoping session

Wednesday August 25th, 2010

9am-12pm, Scoping session
12pm-1pm, Lunch (provided)
1pm-3pm, Scoping session

Lutsel K'e, NT

Meeting place: Lutsel K'e Dene First Nation Hall and Community Chambers

Dates and duration: To be determined

Hay River, NT

Meeting place: K'atl'odeeche First Nation Community Hall

Dates and duration: To be determined

Technical scoping sessions

Review Board staff will also host a technical scoping session in Yellowknife.

Yellowknife, NT

Meeting place: Tree of Peace Friendship Centre, Large Boardroom

Dates and duration:

Thursday September 9th, 2010

9am-12pm, Scoping session
12pm-1pm, Lunch break (lunch not provided)
1pm-5pm, Scoping session

Friday September 10th, 2010

9am-12pm, Scoping session
12pm-1pm, Lunch break (lunch not provided)
1pm-5pm, Scoping session



Scoping submissions

The Review Board encourages interested parties to submit comments both before and after any scoping sessions. The deadline for scoping questions, comments or any other scoping-related submission is now **September 27th, 2010.**

Regards,

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