

ISSUES SCOPING

for the environmental assessment of

MGM Energy Corp.'s East MacKay/Sahtu Unconventional Oil Project EA1213-001

Northern United Place
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories
Tuesday November 20th, 2012

Tuesday, November 20th

- 9:00 am Opening remarks and introductions
- 9:15 am Introduction to environmental assessment
- 9:30 am Project outline – MGM Energy Corp.
- 10:00 am Environmental overview – MGM Energy Corp.
- 10:30 am *Break - snacks provided*
- 10:45 am General discussion
- 12:00 pm *Lunch (not provided)*
- 1:00 pm Continue with general discussion
- 3:00 pm *Break - snacks provided*
- 3:15 pm Recap and general discussion
- 4:30 pm Closing




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Royal Canadian Legion Hall
Norman Wells, Northwest Territories
Monday November 26th, 2012

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- 1:30 pm Opening remarks and introductions
 - 1:45 pm Introduction to environmental assessment
 - 2:00 pm Project outline – MGM Energy Corp.
 - 2:30 pm Environmental overview – MGM Energy Corp.
 - 3:00 pm *Break - snacks provided*
 - 3:15 pm General discussion
 - 5:30 pm *Supper (provided)*
 - 6:30 pm Continue with general discussion
 - 7:45 pm Recap and general discussion
 - 8:30 pm Closing
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Community Hall
Tulita, Northwest Territories
Tuesday November 27th, 2012

Tuesday, November 27th

- 9:00 am Opening remarks and introductions
 - 9:15 am Introduction to environmental assessment
 - 9:30 am Project outline – MGM Energy Corp.
 - 10:00 am Environmental overview – MGM Energy Corp.
 - 10:30 am *Break - snacks provided*
 - 10:45 am General discussion
 - 12:00 pm *Lunch (provided)*
 - 1:00 pm Continue with general discussion
 - 3:00 pm *Break - snacks provided*
 - 3:15 pm Recap and general discussion
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What is an “issues scoping session”?

Scoping is one of the first steps in environmental assessment. During issues scoping sessions, interested groups and members of the public share their views about what issues and outstanding questions the Review Board should learn more about throughout the rest of the environmental assessment.

By knowing early on what the most important issues are, the Review Board can develop a focused *Terms of Reference* and a workplan to make solid environmental impact assessment decisions.

Throughout the scoping phase, your questions might not be answered right away. Scoping sessions are an opportunity to bring up questions that you think the Review Board should ask the developer during the environmental assessment. The answers may come later in the *Developer’s Assessment Report*, the report which describes the developer’s predictions of impacts in more detail.

What will happen in this scoping session today?

The Review Board would like to know what you think is important to focus on when examining the potential impacts of MGM Energy Corp.’s proposed East MacKay/Sahtu Unconventional Oil Project. You can bring up any issue about the project and the interaction between the following topics that you think is relevant to the environmental assessment, such as:

- ❖ fish and aquatic life;
- ❖ water;
- ❖ wildlife;
- ❖ terrestrial environment and vegetation;
- ❖ community and cultural wellness;
- ❖ socio-economics of the region;
- ❖ cumulative effects;
- ❖ air quality; and
- ❖ traditional knowledge.

To make sure that everyone is familiar with the environmental assessment process in the Mackenzie Valley, Review Board staff will briefly describe this process. After, the developer will describe their project. They will describe what already exists at the site, what they propose to do, how they will do that, and what potential impacts might occur. The rest of the time is for interested parties to ask questions that clarify what the developer proposes and to provide comments. If you do not want to speak publicly or missed the scoping meeting, the Review Board will be accepting written submissions until December 14th, 2012.

Cards:

To better understand your concerns, Review Board staff will summarize your main points on a flash card and place the card on a wall under an appropriate category. Participants at the



scoping sessions are welcome to write their own concerns on available cards and place the card on the wall. These cards can remain anonymous if desired. Review Board staff will collect and review the cards after the scoping session.

What happens after the scoping session?

Scoping meetings are more about identifying the issues than resolving them. After issues scoping, the Review Board will write a *Terms of Reference*, which specifies what information the developer must provide in its *Developers Assessment Report*. A workplan accompanies each *Terms of Reference* to clarify the environmental assessment process and estimate how long each step will take. These two documents are based on the issues brought up during issues scoping sessions.

Where can I find more information?

For a more thorough description of the environmental assessment process, please see the Review Board tutorial at http://www.reviewboard.ca/review_board_101 and other documents in the Review Board's reference library: http://www.reviewboard.ca/reference_lib/. For more information on the East MacKay/Sahtu Unconventional Oil Project, please see the Review Board's public registry at: <http://www.reviewboard.ca/registry/>.

For any questions, please contact **Shannon Hayden**, Environmental Assessment Officer by phone at (867) 766-7066 [toll-free at 1-866-912-3472] or by e-mail at shayden@reviewboard.ca.

Important Information:

The Review Board will be accepting written comments until **December 14th, 2012**.