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Subject: Provincial Technical Advisory Committee Comments: LMLSM Outlet Channels Environmental Impact Statement
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All anticipated comments from the Provincial Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) have been received on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The following items identify:

1. additional information requested to address TAC comments;
2. TAC comments for information (no response required); and
3. items that can be addressed through licence conditions.

All TAC comments are attached for information and context.

Additional Information Requested

1. Brief comments on the development, operation and decommissioning of work camps are requested. It is anticipated that more detailed plans will be provided later in the project design stage. In particular, comments are requested on preliminary ideas for controlling access to the camp(s) and interactions between the camps and communities.
2. Has consideration been given to the establishment of a community liaison committee to provide an ongoing forum for discussion and the resolution of concerns arising during construction and the early period of operation for the project?

For Information

1. For agricultural land being acquired for the project, field stored manure on the land will require disposal in accordance with the Nutrient Management Regulation. This could be done by the landowners before the transfer, or by MI after the transfer.
2. Comments concerning wastewater from camps, solid waste from camps, spills and petroleum storage requirements are provided. These matters can be addressed through Environmental Management Program components, and can also be referenced in licence conditions.
3. The removal of the Lake Winnipeg Water Power Reserve is discussed concerning the Lake St. Martin Outlet Channel, and contact information is provided for this matter.
4. Several comments are provided by the Wildlife and Fisheries Branch (Wildlife) concerning channel revegetation and erosion protection, and bird habitat and species designation information. These suggestions and additional information should be considered in channel design and the design of monitoring programs, and may be discussed in Environmental Management Program components.

5. Similarly, comments are provided by the Wildlife and Fisheries Branch (Fisheries) concerning fish habitat, monitoring and mitigation. These suggestions and additional information should be considered in channel design and the design of monitoring programs, and may be discussed in Environmental Management Program components.
6. Numerous TAC comments include suggestions for groundwater monitoring. These suggestions should be considered and included in the proposed groundwater management plan.
7. Similarly, a number of comments include suggestions for surface water monitoring, including sediment monitoring and nutrients in surface water. These suggestions should be considered and included in the proposed Surface Water Management Plan and Sediment Management Program.
8. Crown Land Work Permits will be needed for some activities in connection with the project. Discussion is encouraged with Agriculture and Resource Development and Conservation and Climate staff to finalize requirements in advance of construction.
9. Information is provided concerning peat management and wetland offsetting.
10. The Historic Resources Branch concurs with EIS proposals for the management of heritage resources, and has provided additional information to facilitate this process.

Can be Addressed through Licence Conditions

1. Rules of operation for the project will be formalized. These will include both of the proposed water control structures, and the existing Fairford Dam, which will be operated in conjunction with the new structures.
2. Environmental Management Program components will be reviewed for approval upon completion.

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