

Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Michel Coal Project

Open House *and* Invitation to Comment

North Coal Limited (Proponent) is proposing to develop Michel Coal Mine (proposed Project). The proposed Project would mine between 2.3 to 4 million tonnes raw coal per year for up to 30 years.

The proposed Project is subject to review under British Columbia's *Environmental Assessment Act* and, the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act*.

North Coal must obtain an environmental assessment certificate before any work can be undertaken on the proposed Project. However, prior to submission of an application (Application) for a certificate by North Coal, the Environmental Assessment Office of British Columbia (EAO) must first approve the Application Information Requirements.

Key to the Application Information Requirements is the identification of Valued Components to be studied and the areas within which the studies would occur. This is done through the Valued Components proposal which EAO has now received and invites comments on.

To provide information about the draft Valued Components proposal, the EAO invites the public to attend an **Open House**.

at: **Sparwood Seniors Centre**
101 4th Avenue, Sparwood
(Next to Lilac Terrace Seniors Housing)
on: **August 1, 2019**
from: **4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

There are 35 days for the submission of comments by the public in relation to the draft Valued Components proposal. The comment period will begin on July 25, 2019, and end on August 29, 2019.

All comments received during this comment period in relation to the draft Valued Components proposal will be considered.

The intention of seeking public comments is to ensure that all potential effects – environmental, economic, social, heritage and health – that might result from the proposed Project are identified for consideration as part of the assessment process. At this stage of the process, the primary intent is to receive feedback about the studies or information required for a comprehensive environmental assessment.

The EAO accepts public comments through the following ways:

- **By Online Form at**
<https://www.projects.eao.gov.bc.ca/p/58851215aaecd9001b82a8d3/commenting>
- **By Mail:**
Teresa Morris
Project Assessment Director
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- **By Fax:**
Fax: 250-387-2208

An electronic copy of the Valued Components proposal and information regarding the environmental assessment process are available at <https://www.projects.eao.gov.bc.ca/p/58851215aaecd9001b82a8d3/commenting>. Copies of the draft Valued Components proposal are also available for viewing at these locations:

- Sparwood Public Library, 110 Pine Ave, Sparwood
- Fernie Public Library, 492 3rd Ave, Fernie
- Elkford Public Library, 816C Michel Rd, Elkford
- North Coal's Offices, 652F Sparwood Dr, Sparwood

If you are unable to participate at this time, there will be two additional comment periods during the Application Review stage when you will also be able to provide comments to the EAO on the proposed Project.

NOTE: All submissions received by EAO during the comment period in relation to the proposed Project are considered public and will be posted to EAO website.



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