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From: Walls, Lisa [PYR]
Sent: Friday, October 08, 2004 5:01 PM
To: McPherson, Morag [NCR]; LaRusic, Adam [PYR]
Cc: Waters, Susan [NCR]; Hobby, Bev [PYR]
Subject: RE: Deltaport Track Recommendation Report - Scoping of Terminal 2

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Morag, Adam and I are available from 2:00 to 3:00 EDT. Do you want to call my office (604-666-2799)? Lisa

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From: McPherson, Morag [NCR]
Sent: October 8, 2004 12:22 PM
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Hi again,

I would like to propose a conference call early next week to discuss the cumulative effects-T2 consideration in the Deltaport project. It would be helpful to have a group discussion on our position and how we would like to approach this. I propose **Tuesday, Oct. 12 at 2:00 PM EDT**. Please let me know if you are available or if another time is preferred.

I spoke with Clare Cattryse this afternoon and they would also like to have a conference call with us next week on this issue, to help clarify for the draft Track Report.

Thanks,
Morag
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From: McPherson, Morag [NCR]
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Hi everyone,

The Agency's Operational Policy Statement on addressing cumulative env effects provides some guidance on identifying future projects to include in the CEA, that I think is helpful in evaluating this situation.

According to the Guide, the selection of future actions to consider in the CEA should reflect "the most likely future scenario". Emphasis is given to projects with greater certainty of occurring; however, hypothetical projects might be discussed on a conceptual basis in some cases.

As stated above, the Act refers to the consideration of "any cumulative environmental effects that are likely to result from the project in combination with other projects or activities that ... will be carried out". Accordingly, in identifying future projects to include in the CEA, RAs should consider projects that are "certain" and "reasonably foreseeable", as recommended by the Guide.

RAs should be guided by a clear rationale in selecting future projects to include in the CEA. RA staff will need to exercise judgment in distinguishing projects that are certain, reasonably foreseeable and

hypothetical. The definitions contained in Annex I can assist RAs in making these distinctions.

Definitions

Certain:

- The action will proceed or there is a high probability the action will proceed.

Reasonably Foreseeable:

- The action may proceed, but there is some uncertainty about this conclusion.

Hypothetical:

- There is considerable uncertainty whether the action will ever proceed.

- Conjectural based on currently available information.

The level of effort directed to the assessment of cumulative environmental effects should be appropriate to the nature of the project under assessment, its potential effects and the environmental setting. For example, the practitioner should give particular attention to the selection of future projects to be considered in the CEA where:

- certain and reasonably foreseeable projects may have an impact on the same valued ecosystem components as the project under assessment;
- rapid development of the project area is anticipated; or
- particular environmental sensitivities or risks are involved.

With this guidance in mind, I don't understand how the T2 project can be scoped out of the CEA using the rationale that it will undergo it's own assessment.

Adam - did Georgina provide any more explanation on how treating it as a "separate stream" under the current scope would play out? I'm not sure I understand exactly what that means. Would it or would it not be included in the CEA if it is still in the scope, but dealt with under a different "stream"?

I will try to contact DFO and CEAA HQ today to further discuss this and the track report.

Thanks,
Morag
