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To: [Couzens, Kristen \(Calgary\)](#)
Cc: [Janko, Darcy \(Calgary\)](#); [Young, Tracy \(Calgary\)](#); [Morrison, Russell \(Calgary\)](#); [Webster, Sandra](#); [Riddell, Archie](#); [Braun, Nathan EAO:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Aurora LNG - WG response timelines
Date: March-12-17 9:31:27 AM

Sounds good Kristen. Let's try for 9:30am PST so we can catch Nathan. If that doesn't work for you, we'll have to try scheduling something else.

Cheers,
Sean

On Mar 10, 2017, at 4:12 PM, Couzens, Kristen (Calgary)
<Kristen.Couzens@nexencnoocltd.com> wrote:

Hi Sean,

Thanks for your email. We've discussed some options internally regarding a new submission target and would like to set up a brief call with yourself and Nathan on Monday to discuss. It would likely be easier to have an initial conversation on this topic, after which you can discuss internally, and then we can resume the conversation during our Tuesday call regarding a path forward.

Please let me know if there is a time on Monday that would work best for EAO.

Thanks,
Kristen

From: Moore, Sean EAO:EX [<mailto:Sean.Moore@gov.bc.ca>]

Sent: Thursday, March 09, 2017 2:05 PM

To: Janko, Darcy (Calgary); Couzens, Kristen (Calgary); Young, Tracy (Calgary); Morrison, Russell (Calgary)

Cc: Webster, Sandra; Riddell, Archie; Morrison, Alli EAO:EX; Mayall, Jane EAO:EX; Braun, Nathan EAO:EX

Subject: Aurora LNG - WG response timelines

Hi Darcy et al.,

Thanks again for connecting today. In our conversation, you had indicated that it would be difficult, if not impossible, for your team to properly respond to the 2,700+ comments and information requests by March 20th. You had asked if an extension of that timeline is feasible. EAO had expressed that the quality of responses in adequately addressing the issues is a key priority rather than rush for unsatisfactory resolution. However, as Nathan noted, there are challenging cascading implications for our own timelines and the capacity for the working group, including First Nations, to have a fair opportunity to review and engage in the required following steps in this EA. The Collaboration Agreement plays an important role in this process.

Upon further reflection, in addition to the consultation activities, I do also note that the public comment period ends March 9, and EAO will also need responses to those comments in a reasonable timeframe to support our assessment. Another critical target in my mind is that EAO has been aiming to have a solid draft assessment report for review by Nexen and the working group by the end of April. This target is supported by the information and consultation requirements outlined in my

December 14th screening letter to Nexen, as well as your responses to all the comments. You are all experienced in our EA process, so I will not belabour this ongoing process equilibrium.

All said, there are a number of factors we need to carefully consider and balance along the way. One thing that can help me understand what this means to EAO's app review workplan is to get a better sense of **what new submission target you had in mind or options you may have in finding a balance in timing**. As discussed, perhaps there are options to release key topics on March 20, then 1-2 further batches? Could you please give further thought to a plan forward and be ready to discuss on our Tuesday call? If you could **send me a proposed plan Monday**, I would be better prepared to reflect on a solution in time for the call.

Thank you,
Sean

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From: [Moore, Sean EAO:EX](#)
To: ["Couzens, Kristen \(Calgary\)"](#)
Subject: RE: EAO / Aurora bi-weekly call
Date: March-14-17 11:31:00 AM

Agreed. I will cancel this week's bi-weekly call and send a new invite.

Cheers,

Sean

From: Couzens, Kristen (Calgary) [mailto:Kristen.Couzens@nexencnoodltd.com]
Sent: March 14, 2017 11:22 AM
To: Moore, Sean EAO:EX
Subject: RE: EAO / Aurora bi-weekly call

Hi Sean,

Another thought, assuming the primary purpose of the conversation on Thursday will be to discuss the extension request and timeline/workplan details we may just want to have a call between EAO, Nexen, and Stantec?

Thanks,

Kristen

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Moore, Sean EAO:EX [mailto:Sean.Moore@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, October 27, 2015 11:53 AM
To: 'Moore, Sean EAO:EX'; Couzens, Kristen (Calgary); Morrison, Russell (Calgary); Young, Tracy (Calgary)
Subject: EAO / Aurora bi-weekly call
When: Tuesday, March 14, 2017 2:30 PM-3:30 PM (UTC-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada).
Where: Conference call: s.15 . Participant ID s.15

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Moore, Sean EAO:EX
Sent: January 28, 2015 4:29 PM
To: Moore, Sean EAO:EX; 'Wagner, Scott (Calgary)'; Avila, Amy OGC:IN; 'Nixon, Jeannette (Calgary)'; 'Warren, Sandra'; 'Trevor.Ference@nexencnoodltd.com'; 'Riddell, Archie'; 'Webster, Sandra'; 'Robert.Armfield@nexencnoodltd.com'; 'Darcy.Janko@nexencnoodltd.com'; Morrison, Alli EAO:EX
Cc: Aftergood, Sarah (Calgary); Curnow, Nicole; Mathews, Gillian; Wijkamp, Peter OGC:IN; Chawrun, Marc; Golding, Johanna (Calgary)
Subject: EAO / Aurora bi-weekly call
When: Occurs every 2 weeks on Tuesday effective 2015-02-03 from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).
Where: Conference call: s.15 . Participant ID s.15
Aug.18/15: Removed Felice and Erin (EAO); added Alli Morrison (EAO)

Feb.3/15: Updated to add Trevor Ference and Robert Armfield to all occurrences of bi-weekly meeting as per Jeannette's request.

Standing Agenda

- Review of Action Items
- Proponent Update
- EAO Update
- EA Workplan
- Consultation update
- New Business

Stantec recording key notes and action items.

Dial-in number: s.15

Participant ID: s.15

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From: Couzens, Kristen (Calgary)
To: Moore, Sean EAO:EX; Braun, Nathan EAO:EX; Morrison, Alli EAO:EX
Cc: Janko, Darcy (Calgary); Young, Tracy (Calgary); Morrison, Russell (Calgary); Gouw, Jason (Calgary); Ference, Trevor (Calgary); Savu, Adriana (Calgary); Webster, Sandra; Riddell, Archie
Subject: Aurora LNG - Internal Key Issues Action Plan for discussion
Date: March-16-17 12:27:29 PM
Attachments: Key Issues Resolution Action Plan - Aurora LNG Internal Document (16-Mar-17).xlsx
Importance: High

Hi Sean, Nathan and Alli,

See attached for a document that outlines the key issues that have been identified during our previous conversation with EAO and an action plan for working towards resolution during the proposed suspension period. Please note we are sharing this for discussion purposes during our call, the intent is not to distribute this document beyond EAO.

Thanks,

Kristen Couzens (Dieter)

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#		13-Mar	20-Mar	27-Mar	03-Apr	10-Apr	17-Apr	24-Apr	01-May	08-May	15-May
1	AQ	Preparation of draft Materials (e.g. comment responses and/or technical memo)				Provide Materials to regulating Agencies for review	Discussion with regulating Agencies	Final revisions to Materials based on discussion with regulating Agencies			
2	Flare	Preparation of draft Materials (e.g. comment responses and/or technical memo)		Discussion with TC	Follow-up and revisions to Materials based on TC discussion			Provide Materials to regulating Agencies for review	Discussion with regulating Agencies	Final revisions to Materials based on discussion with regulating Agencies	
3	GHG Emissions	Preparation of draft Materials (e.g. comment responses and/or technical memo)				Provide Materials to regulating Agencies for review	Discussion with regulating Agencies	Final revisions to Materials based on discussion with regulating Agencies			
4	Disposal At Sea	Conduct Survey of available DAS locations and supporting data			Discussion with regulating Agencies	Approach to be determined following discussions with regulating Agencies					
5	Wastewater Discharge	Preparation of draft Materials (e.g. comment responses and/or technical memo)			Provide Materials to regulating Agencies for review	Discussion with regulating Agencies	Final revisions to Materials based on discussion with regulating Agencies				
6	Wetland Offsets	Preparation of draft Materials (e.g. comment responses and/or technical memo)		Clarification discussion with ECCC	If need, final revisions to Materials based on discussion with ECCC						

7	Fish Offsets	Preparation of draft Materials (e.g. comment responses and/or technical memo)	Provide Materials to DFO for review	Discussion with DFO	Final revisions to Materials based on discussion with DFO				
8	DC Drinking Water	Preparation of draft Materials (e.g. comment responses and/or technical memo)	Provide Materials to regulating Agencies and Dodge Cove for review	Discussion with regulating Agencies and potential discussion with Dodge Cove	Final revisions to Materials based on discussion with regulating Agencies and Dodge Cove				
9	Noise & Vibration	Preparation of draft Materials (e.g. comment responses and/or technical memo)	Provide Materials to regulating Agencies for review	Discussion with regulating Agencies	Final revisions to Materials based on discussion with regulating Agencies				
10	DC Residual Effects	Approach to be determined based on further discussions with EAO							
11	CEAA Deficiencies	Approach to be determined based on further discussions with CEAA							
12	Aboriginal Consultation	To be discussed during Technical Workshop #5 and Field Reviews							

From: Moore, Sean EAO:EX
To: "Janko, Darcy (Calgary)"
Cc: Morrison, Alli EAO:EX; Couzens, Kristen (Calgary); Ference, Trevor (Calgary); Armfield, Robbie (Calgary); Braun, Nathan EAO:EX
Subject: RE: Confidential - Not for Distribution
Date: March-17-17 11:58:00 AM
Attachments: image001.png

Hi Darcy,

Thank you for sharing a draft of the letter. The only refinement the EAO would like to see is the removal of the "Working Group Detailed Workshop" process step from the May 15-17 item in the table. The rationale being 1) the EAO will define and coordinate any Working Group activity and next steps in our EA process, and 2) the timing of this activity is set for after the suspension period would end, therefore should not be included in your suspension request letter.

Notwithstanding removal of this item from your letter, there may be merit in having one more broader WG meeting to support a common understanding of where we are at with their (our) issues. I would like to explore this further with you to think about what we would want to achieve, timing, etc. Of course, our primary objective must first be on resolving the majority of the key issues by day 90 to enable EAO to advance the EA process.

We are currently working through the administrative process for approving the suspension request. Please send the final revised letter as soon as you are able. Happy to chat if desired (you can reach me on my cell: 250-213-8754).

Cheers,

Sean

From: Janko, Darcy (Calgary) [mailto:Darcy.Janko@nexencnoocld.com]
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To: Moore, Sean EAO:EX; Braun, Nathan EAO:EX
Cc: Morrison, Alli EAO:EX; Couzens, Kristen (Calgary); Ference, Trevor (Calgary); Armfield, Robbie (Calgary)
Subject: Confidential - Not for Distribution

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a draft copy of the request for timeline suspension contemplated for the Aurora LNG project for your review. A final version will be provided on Monday March 20, 2017 to initiate the BC EAO process.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss please do not hesitate to call.

Regards,

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From: Jardine, Kevin EAO:EX
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:59 AM
To: Braun, Nathan EAO:EX
Cc: Bailey, Scott EAO:EX; Neilson, Kirsten EAO:EX
Subject: RE: Aurora LNG Request for EA Review Timeline Suspension

Terrific. Thx, Nathan.

From: Braun, Nathan EAO:EX
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:58 AM
To: Jardine, Kevin EAO:EX
Cc: Bailey, Scott EAO:EX
Subject: FW: Aurora LNG Request for EA Review Timeline Suspension

We have received Aurora's final suspension request letter (attached). No surprises from the draft. We will get Kevin's letter back up to your offices shortly.

Nathan

From: Janko, Darcy (Calgary) [<mailto:Darcy.Janko@nexencnoocld.com>]
Sent: Monday, March 20, 2017 8:09 AM
To: Moore, Sean EAO:EX; Braun, Nathan EAO:EX
Cc: Morrison, Alli EAO:EX; Bailey, Scott EAO:EX; Couzens, Kristen (Calgary); Armfield, Robbie (Calgary); Ference, Trevor (Calgary); Murray, Daniel (Calgary); Glennie, Kyle (Calgary); Gouw, Jason (Calgary)
Subject: Aurora LNG Request for EA Review Timeline Suspension

Good morning Sean,

As discussed, please find attached the letter requesting a suspension of the Aurora LNG EA application review timeline. The letter outlines the timeline for completion of the Information Requests (both Working Group and Public), addressing key issues identified by the BC EAO, and the resumption of the 180 Day Review Period.

I look forward to discussing further.

Regards,

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March 20, 2017

Sean Moore
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Re: Request for a Suspension of the 180 day Review Period

Dear Mr. Moore:

Aurora LNG hereby officially requests a suspension of the 180 day environmental assessment review period for its proposed Aurora LNG Project. The review period is currently scheduled to be complete on July 10, 2017.

Aurora LNG has received a large number of comments on its Application from both the Working Group and the Public. Through Working Group meetings, a review of the comments received to date, and discussions with the EAO a number of key issues have been identified that require further consideration. Aurora LNG requests a suspension of the 180 day review period in order to provide additional time to adequately examine, respond and discuss these issues with the appropriate stakeholders and Aboriginal Groups.

The following is a list of the identified key issues:

- Air Quality / Human Health
- GHG Emissions
- Wetland and Fish Habitat Offsets
- Flare Design and Aviation
- Waste Water Discharge
- Noise
- Disposal at Sea
- Dodge Cove Water Supply

Aurora LNG's proposed process steps and timing for working towards resolution of these key issues is as follows:

Timing	Process Step
March 20 – April 7	Technical Workshop #5 (Part C and CEAA 5(1)(c)) and Field Reviews with Aboriginal Groups
April 10 – May 1	Key issues meetings (e.g. topic specific sessions) with discipline specific Working Group Members
On or Before May 15	All Working Group and Public comment responses (plus supporting technical memos) to be submitted to EAO. Working Group comment responses will be submitted in logically grouped batches to EAO throughout the suspension period as they are finalized.
May 15	Resumption of the 180 Day review period.

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Aurora LNG proposes that the 180 day review period resume following the completion of the above proposed issues resolution process, which will be focused on reasonable resolution and the documentation of non-consensus. Aurora LNG is of the view that this process can be completed in a timely manner and that the 180 day review period can be resumed on or before May 15, 2017.

In addition, following resumption of the review period, Aurora would support an additional Working Group meeting to help inform the entire Working Group regarding key issues progress and resolution.

Sincerely,

Darcy Janko
Senior Manager, Regulatory Affairs

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Subject: Correspondence from the Environmental Assessment Office
Date: March-20-17 10:58:12 AM
Attachments: [308882 Aurora LNG s24 Suspension Letter FINAL SIGNED.pdf](#)
[image001.jpg](#)

Good Morning,

Please find attached correspondence from Associate Deputy Minister Kevin Jardine regarding the Aurora LNG Digby Island Project.

Regards,

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Associate Deputy Minister's Office

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March 20, 2017

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Dear Mr. Janko:

Thank you for your letter of March 20, 2017, regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) of the proposed Aurora LNG Digby Island Project (Aurora LNG Project). Nexen Energy ULC (Nexen) has requested that the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) suspend Application Review in order to provide additional time for Nexen to respond to the comments received from the Working Group and public on the Application.

As noted in the EAO's initial evaluation decision letter to Nexen, dated December 14, 2016, it is important to ensure that Nexen fully considers and adequately responds to questions raised by the EAO, Working Group members, including Aboriginal Groups, and the public. The comments submitted during Application Review expand on many of the same questions identified during the initial evaluation of the Application, and raise additional inquiries. Your letter outlines a set of consultation activities and deliverables that are intended to represent the balance of the work required by Nexen to adequately address these questions. These issues are important to inform the EAO's assessment of the Aurora LNG Project, and the EAO expects that the meaningful fulfilment of the activities and deliverables identified in your letter will completely or considerably advance resolution of these issues.

The Prescribed Time Limits Regulations, BC Reg. 372/2002 establishes a time limit of 180 days for review of an Application under the *Environmental Assessment Act* (the Act). Pursuant to Section 24(2) of the Act, and after considering your request and reasons, I have granted your request to adjust the review schedule and suspend the

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review time limit for the Aurora LNG Project effective today, March 20, 2017, on day 70 of the 180-day review period. The 180-day timeline will resume once I am satisfied that the following deliverables and associated engagement activities have been completed, specifically:

- a) Nexen must meaningfully respond to all round one comments received from the Working Group, including Aboriginal Groups, using a combination of a tracking table and memos, as appropriate. Responses to key issues must be informed by the engagement of selected Working Group members through topic-specific sessions and other meetings as directed by the EAO Project Lead.
- b) Nexen must meaningfully respond to all public comments using a combination of a tracking table and memos, as appropriate.

I note that Nexen committed to the above deliverables and associated engagement activities in your letter, and indicated that it anticipates completing these on May 15, 2017. Please inform the EAO, as soon as possible, if you anticipate a delay in this timing. I also note that Nexen committed to submitting batches of responses to the EAO as they are finalized. I encourage this approach, as it will support the timely consideration of responses and advancement of issues resolution.

As the Aurora LNG Project is undergoing a substituted EA, the EAO has notified the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency of the timeline suspension, in accordance with the *Memorandum of Understanding between the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office on Substitution of Environmental Assessments (2013)*.

If you have any questions related to this letter or the time limit suspension of the EA process, please contact Sean Moore, Project Assessment Manager, by phone at 250 356-5326 or by email at Sean.Moore@gov.bc.ca.

With best regards,



Kevin Jardine
Associate Deputy Minister, Environmental Assessment Office

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Cc: [Morrison, Alli EAO:EX](#); [Mayall, Jane EAO:EX](#)
Subject: Aurora LNG - application review time limit suspension and other updates
Date: March-20-17 12:16:08 PM

Hello Aurora LNG Digby Island EA Working Group:

This email provides an update regarding the Application Review schedule for the environmental assessment (EA) of the proposed Aurora LNG Digby Island Project.

Today, March 20, 2017, at the [request of Nexen Energy ULC \(Nexen\)](#), the EAO suspended the application review time limit for the Aurora LNG Digby Island Project (Aurora LNG Project) under Section 24(2) of the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The application review time limit has been suspended on day 70 of the 180-day Application Review period to provide additional time for Nexen to respond to the comments received from the Working Group and public on the Application. The 180-day Application Review time limit will resume once the EAO is satisfied that the deliverables and associated engagement activities have been completed. Please take a moment to read the [suspension decision letter](#) from Kevin Jardine, Associate Deputy Minister, which outlines the required deliverables.

Although the 180-day time limit is formally paused, the EA will actively continue and we will be seeking to involve the Working Group and Aboriginal Groups during this time. Notably, **the EAO will be aiming to schedule key-issues sessions with select Working Group members and Nexen starting the week of April 10th**. Your participation in these sessions will be necessary to completely or considerably advance the resolution of these issues and for the EAO to be able to conduct an informed assessment. Please stay tuned for further updates on these topic-specific sessions.

Other Project updates

- The Working Group meeting summary notes have been finalized and posted to EAO's website [here](#).
- The Dodge Cove community workshop #2 summary notes have been finalized and posted [here](#).
- Based on interest from the Working Group, Environmental and Climate Change Canada has provided the following Marine Emissions Inventory Tool (MEIT) documents that were applied by Nexen in their Application:
 - National Marine Inventory Report
 - MEIT User Guide
 - Updated MEIT table 4.3.1.

The MEIT documents have been posted to EAO's website [here](#).

If you have any questions regarding the timeline suspension, please do not hesitate to contact myself (Sean.Moore@gov.bc.ca, 250-213-8754) or Alli Morrison, Project Assessment Officer at Alli.Morrison@gov.bc.ca or 250-356-7483.

Regards,

Sean

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