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**To:** [Lindsay-Baugh, Anna GCPE:EX](#); [Lo, Reamick ENV:EX](#)  
**Cc:** [McKenzie, Scott GCPE:EX](#); [Borghese, Matthew GCPE:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Media Request: CGL Clore River  
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Thanks for the heads up, can we please get a copy of the mentioned briefing note that went to the reporter. The version that went to him, and an unredacted copy (if there are differences).

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Reamick/Anna, just a heads up. EAO is working on a response, as is EMLI for MJO.

### Reporter

Matt Simmons, The Narwhal  
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**Deadline** ~~Friday, December 1, 2023 5:00 PM~~

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I think the reporter has enough bg on this issue to write a book.

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And of course my EMLI colleagues are working through BCER. I expect we'll land somewhere in the middle with a statement from both.

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Spoke with reporter.

It's based off of CLIFF 118093 from March 3, 2023.

Says he's willing to wait a bit longer in order to get Minister's voice/response, since the briefing materials were for MGH and MJO.

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With MGH is in Dubai it's unlikely he'll be available to speak about Clore River.

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**Subject:** RE: Questions for Minister Heyman and Minister Osborne  
**Date:** December 1, 2023 3:24:02 PM

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**Subject:** RE: Questions for Minister Heyman and Minister Osborne

Hi Dave,

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Best,  
Akshara

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**Subject:** RE: Questions for Minister Heyman and Minister Osborne

Akshara, any response from the BCER?

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**From:** Matt Simmons <[matt@thenarwhal.ca](mailto:matt@thenarwhal.ca)>

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**To:** Karn, David GCPE:EX <[David.Karn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:David.Karn@gov.bc.ca)>  
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**Date:** December 4, 2023 10:21:00 AM

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Hey Matt, this will be a statement. Just trying to figure out from whom.

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**To:** Karn, David GCPE:EX <David.Karn@gov.bc.ca>; Poullose, Akshara GCPE:EX <Akshara.Poullose@gov.bc.ca>  
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Feel free to give me a call at 250-643-2967.

Thanks,  
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**Cc:** [McKenzie, Scott GCPE:EX](#); [Borghese, Matthew GCPE:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Media Request: CGL Clore River  
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Thanks for the heads up, can we please get a copy of the mentioned briefing note that went to the reporter. The version that went to him, and an unredacted copy (if there are differences).

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Reamick/Anna, just a heads up. EAO is working on a response, as is EMLI for MJO.

## Reporter

Matt Simmons, The Narwhal

**Deadline** ~~Friday, December 1, 2023 5:00 PM~~

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Spoke with reporter.

It's based off of CLIFF 118093 from March 3, 2023.

Says he's willing to wait a bit longer in order to get Minister's voice/response, since the briefing materials were for MGH and MJO.

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Hi David,

Sarah says it is fine to send the EMLI/BCER response and we'll work on our own. Hopefully we can get it to you shortly.

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Thanks. Just looping Scott in as he's returned from a short trip.

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Hi David,

Sarah and I are working on it. Give us a couple of minutes to connect and come up with a plan.

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Morning Ann, the reporter is back seeking response or comment.

With MGH is in Dubai it's unlikely he'll be available to speak about Clore River.

Perhaps we can provide something similar to BCER below

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Interesting timing. I will see what my folks say and get it back to you. Again, I seriously doubt it will be today.

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There is little chance we are hitting the deadline and I suspect EMLI is having the same issue. It's a tough one to even write without direction from MGH. Do you think we can get the deadline extended?

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No, no word from EMLI (BCER). I'll check again.

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Has anyone else had any luck with this response? I am waiting for C&E to get back to me still and I am trying to track down the FOI request but everyone seems to be off or on holidays. Its proving a challenge!

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**Subject:** Media Request: GCL Clore River

Ann and Sarah, looking for direction on response.

### Reporter

Matt Simmons, RThe Narwhal  
[matt@thenarwhal.ca](mailto:matt@thenarwhal.ca)  
250-643-2967

**Deadline** Friday, December 1, 2023 5:00 PM

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Thanks Dave. Would definitely be good to have his thoughts/perspectives reflected in this reporting.

On Nov 30, 2023, at 9:48 AM, Karn, David GCPE:EX <[David.Karn@gov.bc.ca](mailto:David.Karn@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Matt, this will be difficult as Minister Heyman is enroute to Dubai currently.

We'll see what possible though.

dk

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**Cc:** Connie, Alanah GCPE:EX  
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Hi Jeremy,

I always flag requests like this with the BCER. There is a good chance they've been contacted already – but good to make them aware.

Peter

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Please reach out to David Karn and co-ordinate who will be responding to which pieces. Once you know which pieces we need to work on, please start working with Peter/program on response. I'm going to flag for MO and see if they want us to flag the request for BCER.

I've attached some INs on the issue that we can use to draft initial response from.

Thank you,  
Jeremy

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Hi Peter,

I'm just checking with our program area to get you an update on where those projects are at.

Cheers,  
Lannea

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Hi Lannea,  
Thank you for this! I did have one additional question – I was wondering if you had any bullets or info on the Prince Rupert Gas Transmission pipeline and Pacific Trails pipeline? Since the original media inquiry has those in the question the MO is just curious where those projects currently stand. Thank you and hope all is well!

Cheers,  
Peter

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Good timing—we have the following edits to provide—to clarify the second to last KM and provide additional information. Note—the orders were related to Lamprey Creek, not the Clore River.

- Following the sediment concerns in Clore River, The BC Energy Regulator immediately issued an order to Coastal GasLink to stop work on its Pipeline in Northwest B.C.
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  - By permit conditions, the BCER required CGL to develop and implement Water Quality Monitoring Programs across the project.
  - In the events where non-compliance was discovered, the BCER utilized its graduated enforcement model ensuring non-compliance response actions were commensurate with the non-compliance.



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Peter

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Hi Peter,

I believe that is correct; however, I can confirm with our program area tomorrow—if that works?

Cheers,  
Lannea



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Hi Lannea,

ENV is actually leading the request but we are going to give them a few bullets to use. I was wondering if the highlighted part is accurate and if you're good with these responses.

- Protecting B.C.'s air, land, and water is critical to sustainable natural resource development, and we take matters of non-compliance very seriously.
- Provincial regulators oversee Coastal GasLink's work to ensure it remains in compliance with their permits and provisions under legislation.
- The BC Energy Regulator is in regular contact with the Environmental Assessment Office to work collaboratively to maintain strong oversight of the pipeline.
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The Narwhal is committed to upholding the principles of truth and reconciliation through our journalism and I wish to acknowledge this land on which I live and work. I am based on unceded Gidimt'en Clan territory, home of the Wet'suwet'en nation, in Smithers, B.C.

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**Sent:** November 30, 2023 3:33 PM  
**To:** Lonergan, Peter GCPE:EX; Poulose, Akshara GCPE:EX; Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX  
**Subject:** RE: ENV Media Request: GCL Clore River

Perfect thanks all! I just wanted to make sure that ENV got the flag on these but it looks like that is all happening. I'm good with the response to move forward through reviews.

Thanks,  
Alanah

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**From:** Lonergan, Peter GCPE:EX <Peter.Lonergan@gov.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 30, 2023 3:31 PM  
**To:** Connie, Alanah GCPE:EX <Alanah.Connied@gov.bc.ca>; Poulose, Akshara GCPE:EX <Akshara.Poulose@gov.bc.ca>; Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX <Jeremy.Uppenborn@gov.bc.ca>  
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Hi Alanah,  
These ones are from us. ENV is working on some responses as well. Basically, the BCER portion fall under EMLI while the EAO is with ENV. We connected with David Karn from ENV this morning and let him know we'd put together some bullets from our side – he's doing the same. Akshara took recent BCER media responses, as well as km's from our IN's on the subject to create the below bullets.

At this point though, it will be ENV that responds to the reporter.

Cheers,  
Peter

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Akshara, any response from the BCER?

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**From:** Matt Simmons <matt@thenarwhal.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 30, 2023 12:39 PM  
**To:** Karn, David GCPE:EX <David.Karn@gov.bc.ca>

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Subject: Re: Questions for Minister Heyman and Minister Osborne

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Thanks Dave. Would definitely be good to have his thoughts/perspectives reflected in this reporting.

On Nov 30, 2023, at 9:48 AM, Karn, David GCPE:EX <David.Karn@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Matt, this will be difficult as Minister Heyman is enroute to Dubai currently.

We'll see what possible though.

dk

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**From:** Matt Simmons <matt@thenarwhal.ca>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 30, 2023 9:45 AM  
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Best,  
Akshara

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Matt Simmons, Reporter  
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With my edits, it's good to go up.

Thanks,

Tania

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Hi Tania,

Checking in to see if this can go to MO? Are there any concerns with the approach?

Thanks,  
Alanah

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Thanks Jeremy.

Please see my edits below.

Tania

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Tania – I had approved this response last week and we were just waiting on ENV's response. I imagine they will be taking time because MGH is at the COP meeting in Dubai.

Do you want to connect and discuss approach? May want to see how MO wants to go about it.

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**Cc:** Venn, Tania GCPE:EX; Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX; Poulose, Akshara GCPE:EX  
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See below.... This is MO/Issues approved...

(The bullets on PGRT came from the ministry previously in response to non-media request.)

### Provided on Background

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- Since 2017, government has taken action to modernize the BC Energy Regulator (BCER), including passing [legislation](#) in 2022 to overhaul its governance structure by creating a larger, more inclusive and independent Board and adding reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples to its purposes.
- This summer, Minister Osborne directed the BCER through their [2023 mandate letter](#) to “continue to improve BCER’s compliance and enforcement activities to ensure that companies/operators meet their regulatory obligations, working in collaboration with the Environmental Assessment Office and other agencies.”
- The BCER will be publicly accountable for its performance on this priority area through the annual Service Plan reporting processing.
- The Province will continue to work with the BCER to deliver the compliance and enforcement that British Columbians expect.

### On the Prince Rupert Gas Transmission

- The Prince Rupert Gas Transmission (PRGT) project is a proposed pipeline planned to transport natural gas from northeast BC, near Hudson’s Hope, to northwest BC, near Prince Rupert.
- The project received an Environmental Assessment Certificate (EAC) in 2014 and acquired the associated primary project permits in 2015.
- A number of permit conditions must be satisfied prior to commencement of project construction. Most notably, a further cumulative effects assessment must be completed.
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- If the project moves forward to construction, EAO compliance and enforcement officers to engage with First Nations representatives to collaborate on compliance and enforcement activities, including accompanying officers on inspections.
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- If the project is not substantially started by November 25, 2024, the EAC will expire, and the project would have to go through the environmental assessment process again to be approved to proceed.

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- This created a more robust assessment process going forward as well as better compliance and enforcement for all projects, whether approved under the former or current legislation.
- Although the PRGT project received the EAC in 2014, the compliance and enforcement tools from the new *Environmental Assessment Act* can be incorporated into the enforcement for the construction and operations phases of the pipeline.

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Could we ask if the BCER has any bullets already ready on the Pacific Trails pipeline? Just on its current status? We haven't heard a peep about it. Does it even have permits to start construction?

We already have bunch of background on the PGRT that the reporter also mentions in Q7

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Working on it now

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**Date:** November 30, 2023 10:09:44 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Andrew, Sarah – flagging a media request that was jointly sent to us and Environment on the CGL slope failures last spring on the Clore River. We are co-ordinating with program and Environment on suggested response and will send up.

Would you like us to flag for BCER?

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**Subject:** Re: ENV Media Request: CGL Clore River  
**Date:** November 30, 2023 10:50:06 AM

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Yes please ask BCER if they have anything to say in response

Sent from Andrew's iPhone.

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**Subject:** ENV Media Request: CGL Clore River

Andrew, Sarah – flagging a media request that was jointly sent to us and Environment on the CGL slope failures last spring on the Clore River. We are co-ordinating with program and Environment on suggested response and will send up.

Would you like us to flag for BCER?

Thanks,  
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**Deadline** Friday, December 1, 2023 5:00 PM

**Request**

Reaching out with a few questions for the ministers. I received a number of documents through freedom of information legislation regarding Coastal GasLink, including briefing notes that were prepared for Minister Heyman and Minister Osborne. My deadline for responses is the end of the working day tomorrow (Friday, Dec. 1)

In a briefing note prepared on March 3, 2023, the ministers were informed of concerns that were raised by Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition (SWCC), with participation of the Watershed Watch Salmon Society, SkeenaWild Conservation Trust and CodeBlueBC, about the pipeline crossing of the Clore River, also known as Lho Kwa. Ministers were briefed on arrangements/agreements that for a framework in which the BC Energy Regulator is the primary agency responsible "to monitor and enforce compliance with stream crossing

environmental protection requirements.”

The note summarized for the ministers the concerns raised by SWCC and the regulator’s response, concluding "contingency plans have been employed to address extreme weather conditions as appropriate to mitigate potential adverse impacts to the environment."

Two months later, high spring temperatures led to slope failures, flooded worksites and significant amounts of sediment entering streams, a wetland and the Clore River. Both the EAO and BCER issued stop-work orders to the pipeline as a result.

1. Can the ministers please each explain their reactions to the discrepancy between what they were told in the briefing note and what happened?
2. Do the ministers believe they were properly and fully briefed on the situation?
3. Do the ministers believe they were misled?
4. Do the ministers feel there should have been more done by the regulator to ensure the pipeline worksites weren’t at risk of negatively impacting the surrounding environment?
5. What do the ministers believe needs to happen moving forward, to ensure they are receiving the information needed to make appropriate decisions about projects like Coastal GasLink?
6. Have the ministers, or any of their staff, followed up with the regulator on this discrepancy?
7. What are the ministers, or their staff, doing to ensure the accuracy of the information they receive in the form of briefing notes?

Lastly, as the ministers are undoubtedly aware, Coastal GasLink has had numerous issues of non-compliance during construction and has received many warnings, orders and financial penalties. Despite a compliance agreement between the company and the EAO and numerous other methods to ensure compliance with B.C.’s environmental regulations, the project has continually struggled to meet its conditions, particularly around erosion and sediment control. Several sources (many times) have told me they are concerned that Coastal GasLink is setting a precedent for pipeline construction in B.C., especially around environmental infractions.

7. What actions are the ministers, and their staff, taking to ensure projects such as the approved Prince Rupert Gas Transmission pipeline and Pacific Trails pipeline do not similarly violate environmental regulations?

## **Background**

## **Recommendation**