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Subject: Tenas Coal Project and the new BC Environmental Assessment Act

Dear Ms. Waterman:

This email is to inform you of the passing of a new *Environmental Assessment Act* (the new Act) and how it will affect your XXX Project.

In November 2018, the BC Government passed the new Act and it is anticipated that it will be brought into force via regulation this Fall. The Act can be found at <https://www.leg.bc.ca/parliamentary-business/legislation-debates-proceedings/41st-parliament/3rd-session/bills/third-reading/gov51-3>.

We understand that you will want to know more about how this will affect the environmental assessment (EA) of your project. At this time the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) is developing regulations and policies that will make clear how your EA will proceed once the new Act is in force. However, you can see Frequently Asked Questions regarding the new Act at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content?id=C61EC5DDCACC4AE1B43B0149E02E2942>.

To find out more about the new Act please see our Revitalization site at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/environmental-assessments/environmental-assessment-revitalization>

We will contact you again soon to discuss in more detail how your EA will be affected by the new Act. If you have any questions at this time please contact your Project Lead or Sector Executive Project Director. For contact information please visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/environmental-assessments/contact-us>

The EAO will post this letter on its Project Information & Collaboration system at <https://projects.eao.gov.bc.ca/>. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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