Environment Minister Ralph Wiseman has announced the following events relative to the Environmental Assessment Act.

NEW UNDERTAKINGS REGISTERED:

Springdale Fuel Storage Bulk Facility  
Proponent: Gary Rolfe Limited

The proponent plans to relocate a fuel storage bulk facility to a new site in the Town of Springdale’s Industrial Park on Little Bay Road. The facility is proposed to replace the existing storage tanks on 150 Main Street in the Town of Springdale. Planned construction for the project will include four above ground double walled storage tanks ranging in size from 13,500 litres to 90,000 litres. The tanks will be used for short term storage of home heating fuels, gasoline, diesel and lubes supplied by Imperial Oil Limited before distributing to customers in the Green Bay and White Bay area. All piping for the project will be above ground and construction will also include a 2,000 litre oil water separator, office building, warehouse, and security fence around the 0.44 hectare site. The proposed site is approximately 150 metres from Indian Brook. It is scheduled to begin upon completion of the environmental assessment review and construction is expected to take approximately two months to complete. The undertaking was registered on January 18th, 2002; public comments are due February 22nd, 2002; and, the Minister’s decision is due on March 4th, 2002.

UNDERTAKINGS CONDITIONALLY RELEASED:

Abitibi-Consolidated Dist. 10, 11 & 12 Five Year Operating Plan 1998-2002 (Amendment)  
Proponent: Abitibi-Consolidated Incorporated

Abitibi-Consolidated Districts 10, 11 and 12 Five Year Operating Plan (amendment) was released on January 15, 2002 subject to the following conditions:
1. That the proponent run the pine marten suitability model for the district. Following analysis of the model outputs, the Inland Fish and Wildlife Division may require amendments to operating areas and/or harvest methods to allow for continued protection and recovery of the endangered pine marten population as per the Pine Marten Recovery Plan.

2. That a 100 metre no cut buffer zone be maintained on the Exploits River in operating area 02-A11-
05, Sluice Brook.

The Minister encourages all interested parties to become involved and to make comments known. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Director of Environmental Assessment at (709) 729-2562 or toll-free: 1-800-563-6181 or by mail to:

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