

ATTACHMENT:

Federal Authority Advice Record

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Great Sandhills Railway Switching Operation at North West Terminal Project

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1. Is it probable that your department or agency may be required to exercise a power or perform a duty or function related to the Project to enable it to proceed?

If yes, specify the Act of Parliament and that power, duty or function.

No. ISC/FNIHB is not responsible for approving or issuing licences, permits or authorizations for the assessments of the proposed large project.

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2. Is your department or agency in possession of specialist or expert information or knowledge that may be relevant to the conduct of an impact assessment of the Project?

Specify as appropriate.

ISC/FNIHB shares specialized knowledge with regard to First Nations, in the following subjects: provision of health services, community health and wellness programs, quality of drinking water on First Nations reserves and social determinants of health.

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3. Has your department or agency considered the Project; exercised a power or performed a duty or function under any Act of Parliament in relation to the Project; or taken any course of action that would allow the Project to proceed in whole or in part?

Specify as appropriate.

No

4. Has your department or agency had previous contact or involvement with the proponent or other party in relation to the Project? (for example, enquiry about methodology, guidance, or data; introduction to the project)

Provide an overview of the information or advice exchanged.

No. ISC/FNIHB has not had previous contact or involvement with the proponent or other party in relation to the project.

5. Does your department or agency have additional information or knowledge not specified, above?

Specify as appropriate.

No.

6. From the perspective of the mandate and area(s) of expertise of your department or agency, what are the issues that should be addressed in the impact assessment of the Project, should the Agency determine that an impact assessment is required?

For each issue discussed, provide a concise, plain-language summary that is appropriate for inclusion in the Summary of Issues.

While it seems unlikely that there will be any health impacts to Indigenous peoples, ISC-FNIHB notes that the information provided in the Initial Project Description is limited, particularly as the proponent (Great Sandhill Railway) notes that engagement with Indigenous peoples is still on-going.

ISC-FNIHB highlights the importance of Indigenous consultation and recommends that consultation with potentially affected First Nations communities is pursued, and any concerns/issues highlighted in the Detailed Project Description.

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