

**ATTACHMENT:****Federal Authority Advice Record****Response due by February 16, 2021**

ATCO Salt Cavern Storage Expansion Project – ATCO Energy Solutions Ltd.

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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.

ISC/FNIHB is not responsible for approving or issuing licences, permits or authorizations for the assessments of large proposed projects.

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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 has specialized knowledge pertaining First Nations peoples. Areas of expertise include but are not limited to: the provision of health services, community health and wellness programs, and drinking water on First Nations reserves and other social determinants of health.

Indigenous Services Canada also has information on and knowledge of Indigenous matters on Federal lands. Indigenous Services Canada has a mandate to support Indigenous people (First Nations, Inuit and Métis) in their efforts to improve social well-being and economic prosperity; to develop healthier, more sustainable communities; and to participate more fully in Canada's political, social and economic development.

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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?

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).

No

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

No

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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.

This project is located on privately owned land and is zoned for heavy industrial use by Strathcona County and is located within Alberta's Industrial Heartland area adjacent to other heavy industrial sites. These factors limit the potential for terrestrial Indigenous harvesting rights in the area to be impacted.

The project's proximity to the North Saskatchewan River could mean that fish harvesting rights may be impacted in case of an accidental release of deleterious substance. Steps to ensure the protection of Indigenous harvesting rights should be addressed in the impact assessment process.

The proponent has started the engagement process with local Indigenous groups and has indicated that no formal concerns have been raised to this point. Efforts to strengthen relationships and partnerships with local Indigenous groups should continue throughout the regulatory process, including the post-decision phase.

ISC does not foresee any health impacts from the Project, due to the distant geographical locations of the surrounding First Nation communities. Furthermore, First Nation communities have been consulted, and, to date, no concern of health impacts have been indicated to the Department.

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