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**Subject: Health Canada's Comments on the Draft Environmental Assessment Report and the Potential Environmental Assessment Conditions for the Project 6 All-Season Road Linking Manto Sipi Cree Nation, Bunibonibee Cree Nation and God's Lake First Nation**

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Dear Tracy Lachine,

Thank you for the Agency's November 7, 2025, request for comments on the draft Environmental Assessment Report and the potential environmental assessment conditions for Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure's (the Proponent) proposed Project 6 All-Season Road Linking Manto Sipi Cree Nation, Bunibonibee Cree Nation and God's Lake First Nation (the Project).

Health Canada (HC) is participating in the Environmental Assessment review of the Project as a Federal Authority under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*. Upon request, HC provides its expertise, information, or knowledge on human health issues related to the potential environmental impacts of a proposed project.

As requested, HC has reviewed both documents and does not have comments or edits to provide on the draft Environmental Assessment Report. With respect to the proposed environmental assessment conditions, HC has the following suggestions:

1. Removing "Country Foods" from condition 5.4.2.3 is recommended to improve clarity and implementation of the condition. The comparison of monitoring results in condition 5.4.2.3 would be more effective if it were focused on the management and mitigation of project effects on air quality to reduce potential inhalation health risks. Suggested wording:

5.4.2.3 comparing results of air monitoring in condition 5.4.2.2 with the *Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards* and the *Manitoba Ambient Air Quality Criteria* to determine whether modified or additional mitigation measures are required to **mitigate contaminants in country foods for manage** exceedances attributable to the Designated Project.

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2. Consider including a separate condition to verify the accuracy of the environmental assessment and confirm the effectiveness of mitigation measures for country foods, if condition 5.4.2.3. is revised to focus on air quality. Country foods could be addressed via additions or revisions to conditions *3.8.1 surface water quality*; and/or, *3.4.2 management of acid-generating, potentially acid-generating, and metal leaching materials*, which are linked to monitoring of other environmental media in the proposed conditions document.

HC recommends considering the following when developing a country foods condition:

- Additional follow-up should be undertaken if:
  - measured concentrations of potential contaminants differ from the assumptions used in the Environmental Impact Statement or exceed relevant guidelines/standards; and/or,
  - concerns are raised by communities.
- Follow-up would include updating the assessment of potential health impacts, consideration of additional monitoring of environmental media (including relevant country foods), and/or additional mitigation measures.
- Decisions related to the scope of any follow-up should be done in consultation with affected communities and relevant authorities.

Should you have any questions regarding HC's comments, please contact Paul Partridge at [paul.partridge@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:paul.partridge@hc-sc.gc.ca).

Sincerely,

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