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Subject: Permitting Coordination Initiative for Projects Subject to the Impact Assessment Act

Dear Isabelle Shelvey:

I am writing to provide information about a new federal permitting coordination initiative meant to reduce timelines and better coordinate the permitting process for proponents.

On July 5, 2024, the Government of Canada issued the [Cabinet Directive on Regulatory and Permitting Efficiency for Clean Growth Projects](#) (the Directive), which provides direction to federal entities to accelerate decision-making processes for federal permits, licences, and other authorizations required for projects to get to construction.

The Government of Canada is offering federal permitting coordination support for projects where multiple permits are required prior to starting construction. As the Suncor Base Mine Extension Project is a designated project under the *Impact Assessment Act* (IAA) and undergoing an impact assessment, it is already eligible to participate in permitting coordination. You do not need to apply for this initiative.

Permitting coordination support would involve working with other federal regulators to:

- Provide clarity on permitting requirements, timelines and process through the development of an updated permitting plan near the end of the IA process, which will be agreed to by the proponent, federal regulators and IAAC;
- Provide additional support, guidance and information to proponents related to federal permitting processes; and

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- Increase transparency through public reporting on the progress of permitting on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry (Registry). You can visit the federal authorizations dashboard for the Suncor Base Mine Extension Project on the Registry to see how the permits are tracked publicly: <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80521/permits>.

Please let me know if you have any questions: <Contact information removed>

We would be happy to further discuss the permitting coordination initiative with you, including what it means for your project.

Thanks,

<sent electronically>

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