

Notice of Determination

Location –November 12, 2025– Indigenous Services Canada has determined that the proposed Upper Nicola Band/Okanagan Nation Alliance Solar Farm Project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

This determination was based on a consideration of the following factors:

- Integrated Environmental Management System (IEMS) Project Description Form (IEMS # 16962)
- WSP Canada Inc. (2025). *Upper Nicola – Okanagan Nation Alliance Solar Project, Upper Nicola Band Indian Reserve No. 1: Environmental Impact Assessment* (Report No. 21502915-004-R-Rev1).
- Golder Associates Ltd. (2022). *Upper Nicola Holding Limited Partnership – Solar Project: Construction Environmental Management Plan* (Report No. 21502915-005-R-RevA).
- Indigenous knowledge;
- Comments received from the public; and

Mitigation measures taken into account for this determination are:

- The Permittee will adopt and adhere to the measures described in the Environmental Impact Assessment
- The Permittee will adopt and adhere to the measures described in the Construction Environmental Management Plan
- The Permittee will adopt and adhere to the measures described in the attached table of mitigations from Indigenous Services Canada
- The Environmental Monitor will conduct pre-construction surveys for Great Basin gophersnake and Great Basin spadefoot
- The Environmental Monitor will provide a species management plan for slender hawksbeard to ISC that outlines how the project will avoid impacts to individuals identified in the SAR vegetation survey, as well as other individuals that may be encountered during construction activities. All site personnel will be instructed on

identification of slender hawkbeard and how to report occurrences. If this species is encountered, work shall halt immediately and chance find management procedures shall be put in place. Special care should be given to ensuring secondary effects from fugitive dust, erosion or surface water do not impact this species.

- As the site interacts with critical habitat polygons for several species, the proponent shall engage with Canadian Wildlife Service and apply for a Section 73 SARA permit prior to the initiation of construction. The proponent shall also conduct preconstruction surveys immediately prior to ground disturbance in sensitive areas identified in the CEMP and EIA.
- The permittee must apply for a salvage permit under the Wildlife Act prior to undertaking any handling or salvage activities.

Indigenous Services Canada is satisfied that that the carrying out of the project is not likely to cause significant adverse environmental effects.

Therefore, the [authority or authorities] may carry out the project, exercise any power, perform any duty or function, or provide financial assistance to enable the project to be carried out in whole or in part.