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Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to section 127 of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*, (CEPA 1999) Disposal at Sea Permit No. 4543-2-06873 authorizing the loading for disposal and the disposal of waste or other matter at sea is approved. The permit is published on the CEPA Registry on Tuesday, June 16, 2015.

1. *Permittee*: Saint John Port Authority, Saint John, New Brunswick.

2. *Waste or other matter to be disposed of*: Dredged material.

2.1. *Nature of waste or other matter*: Dredged material consisting of gravel, sand, silt and clay.

3. *Duration of permit*: Permit is valid from July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2016.

3.1. The loading and disposal at sea activities are restricted to the following periods: from July 1, 2015, to November 8, 2015, and from January 15, 2016, to March 31, 2016.

4. *Loading site(s)*: Saint John Harbour and Courtenay Bay, Saint John, New Brunswick, at approximately 45.26667° N, 66.06667° W (NAD 83). The loading of dredged material authorized by this permit is restricted to the following locations: Main Channel; Berth Nos. 1/2, and End of Pier 2/3, Navy Island; Berth No. 3, and Rodney Slip; Pugsley A/B/C; Lower Cove; Rodney Marginal; Berth No. 12; Long Wharf Marginal and Approach; Courtenay Bay Channel, Basin, and Potash Terminal; Former Coast Guard Slip, as described in Appendix A of the permit application.

5. *Disposal site(s)*: Black Point, Saint John, New Brunswick, bound by 45.21650° N, 66.02633° W; 45.21667° N, 66.01767° W; 45.20433° N, 66.00450° W; 45.19150° N, 66.00383° W; and 45.19083° N, 66.02500° W (NAD 83), as described in the drawing titled "Drawing CA-AT-D013" (May 15, 2015).

6. *Method of loading*: Dredging will be carried out using barge-mounted mechanical dredges.

7. *Route to disposal site(s) and method of transport*: Most direct navigational route from the loading site to the disposal site via towed or self-propelled barge.

8. *Method of disposal*: Disposal shall take place in accordance with the dredged material disposal plan required by paragraph 14.1. of this permit.

9. *Total quantity to be disposed of*: Not to exceed 540 000 cubic metres, place measure.

10. *Fees*: The fee prescribed by the *Disposal at Sea Permit Fee Regulations* shall be paid by the Permittee in accordance with those regulations.

11. *Inspection*:

11.1. By accepting this permit, the Permittee and its contractors accept that they are subject to inspection pursuant to Part 10 of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*.

12. *Contractors*:

12.1. The loading or disposal at sea referred to under this permit shall not be carried out by any person without written authorization from the Permittee.

12.2. The Permittee shall ensure that all persons involved in the loading, transport or disposal activities authorized by this permit conduct these activities in accordance with the relevant permit conditions.

13. *Reporting and notification*:

13.1. The Permittee shall provide the following information at least 48 hours before loading and disposal activities commence: name or number of ship, platform or structure used to carry out the loading and/or disposal, name of the contractor including corporate and on-site contact information, and expected period of loading and disposal activities. The above-noted information shall be submitted to:

(a) Ms. Jayne Roma, Environmental Protection Operations Directorate, Department of the Environment, Atlantic Region, Queen Square, 16th Floor, 45 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth NS B2Y 2N6, 902-426-8373 (fax), jayne.roma@ec.gc.ca (email);

(b) Mr. Mark Dalton, Environmental Enforcement Directorate, Department of the Environment, Atlantic Region, Queen Square, 16th Floor, 45 Alderney Drive, Dartmouth NS B2Y 2N6, 902-426-7924 (fax), mark.dalton@ec.gc.ca (email);

(c) Mr. Jean-François Mallet, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, 343 Université Avenue, Moncton NB E1C 9B6, 506-851-6579 (fax), jean-francois.mallet@dfo-mpo.gc.ca (email).

13.2. The Canadian Coast Guard, Marine Communication and Traffic Services (MCTS) of Sydney (notshipssyd@dfo-mpo.gc.ca) is to be notified in advance of the commencement of work so that appropriate “Notices to Shipping/Mariners” may be issued.

13.3. The Permittee shall submit a written report to the Minister, as represented by the Regional Director of the Environmental Protection Operations Directorate, Atlantic Region, care of Ms. Jayne Roma as identified in paragraph 13.1., within 30 days of the expiry of the permit. This report shall contain the following information: the quantity of matter disposed of at the disposal site(s) and the dates on which disposal activities occurred.

13.4. At all times, a copy of this permit and of documents and drawings referenced in this permit shall be available at the loading site and on all powered ships directly engaged in the loading and disposal operations.

14. *Special precautions:*

14.1. The Permittee shall submit a written dredged material disposal plan to the Minister, as represented by the Regional Director of the Environmental Protection Operations Directorate, Atlantic Region, care of Ms. Jayne Roma, as identified in paragraph 13.1., for approval by the Department of the Environment prior to the commencement of the first dredging operation authorized by this permit. The plan shall address mitigation measures in relation to loading and disposal activities, procedures to accurately measure or estimate quantities of dredged material disposed of at the disposal site(s), the release zone, vessel tracking, and a schedule for use of the disposal site(s). Modifications to the plan shall be made only with the written approval of the Department of the Environment.

Jeffrey L. Corkum
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On behalf of the Minister of the Environment

Signed on: June 9, 2015