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Community Update

Coalmont Energy Corp. (CEC) and Triton Environmental Consultants (Triton) have been working closely with the Ministry of Environment (MOE) regarding further sediment abatement works in Collins Gulch as well as the completion of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report.

As part of the ongoing sediment abatement work, Triton completed an extensive and detailed survey throughout Collins Gulch to determine the amount of sediment that is remaining. From these results, and in consultation with MOE, CEC is constructing a new settling pond approximately 385 metres below the Collins Gulch Forest Service Road near the upper reach of the gulch. This pond has been designed to capture and retain any sediment that may be washed down the gulch. In addition to this new settling pond, CEC is expanding the existing settling pond located at the Collins Gulch Forest Service Road; this pond was constructed immediately following the spill event. This expanded settling pond is also designed to capture and retain any further sediment that may wash down.

The final EIA will be submitted to MOE on December 6, 2013. The EIA is a comprehensive scientific report that assesses the various potential environmental impacts including sediment characterization and deposition mapping, aquatic sampling, fish and fish habitat sampling, terrestrial environment and human health field programs.

CEC had planned on holding a public information meeting after the submission of the report to MOE. However, as the Basin Coal Mine is not operational at that time, a summary of the report’s findings and results will be prepared and made available to Coalmont residents and other stakeholder groups.

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