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Enforcement File: 2021-0006

FortisBC  
16705 Fraser Highway  
Surrey, BC V4N 0E8

Attention: Adam Wood

**RE: Warning : Fail To Comply With A Condition Of A Permit**

FortisBC holds a sizeable quantity of assets in British Columbia. Asset holders are issued permits for various oil and gas activities. In this case FortisBC applied and was approved for a permit for construction of a gas pipeline, Project 1248 Segment 17 (the permit), AD# 100002610. Condition 36 of the Permit states:

*36. Prior to the commencement of construction activities the permit holder must:*

- a. Complete an archaeological assessment of the activity area in accordance with applicable requirements of the Heritage Conservation Act, and*
- b. Complete and submit to the BC Oil and Gas Commission an acceptable report on the results of the assessment.*

FortisBC was issued the permit to carry out construction on May 13, 2020. Condition 36 of the permit required FortisBC to conduct an Archaeological Impact Assessment and provide a report acceptable to the BCER prior to the commencement of construction.

On January 20, 2021, FortisBC provided the BC Oil and Gas Commission (now the BC Energy Regulator) with a self disclosure regarding an Archaeological Impact Assessment. The self disclosure stated that on or about October 7, 2020, at or near MacKenzie, BC, FortisBC did begin construction on the above noted pipeline segment without first having completed an Archaeological Impact Assessment and providing an acceptable report to the Regulator.

Following construction activities FortisBC conducted an archaeological assessment of material moved from the construction site. This assessment found no archaeological items.

Given the circumstances, FortisBC is hereby issued a warning for the following:

On or about October 7, 2020, at or near MacKenzie in the Province of British Columbia, FortisBC did fail to comply with a condition of a permit contrary to Sec 21(b)(ii) ERAA.

If FortisBC has any questions about this matter, please contact the undersigned.

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Compliance and Enforcement Officer  
British Columbia Energy Regulator