

Oil and Gas Commission

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APPROVAL
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Under the Provisions of the Environmental Management Act

Coastal GasLink Pipeline Ltd.
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is authorized to discharge contaminants to the environment from burn piles located along the pipeline corridor of Section 4 of the Coastal GasLink Pipeline project, subject to the conditions listed below. Contravention of any of these conditions is a violation of the *Environmental Management Act* and may result in prosecution.

1. DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this approval, the following definitions apply:

- 1.1. **Act** means the *Environmental Management Act*.
- 1.2. **Discharge** means the total mass of a solid, liquid or gaseous material introduced into the environment.
- 1.3. **Manager** means an OGC employee authorized to exercise the powers of the OGC under Section 15 of the *Environmental Management Act*.
- 1.4. **OGC** means the B.C Oil and Gas Commission.
- 1.5. **Approval Holder** means Coastal GasLink Pipeline Ltd.
- 1.6. **Ventilation Forecast** means the afternoon ventilation index forecast issued by Environment Canada for a geographic area.

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- 1.7. **Custom Ventilation Forecast** means a forecast of the atmosphere's ability in a geographic area to disperse smoke in accordance with section 16 of the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation.
- 1.8. **Custom Ventilation Forecaster** means a person who a) is a meteorologist employed by environment Canada and classified as a Meteorologist 3 or above, b) is a Weather Forecaster, a Fire Weather Forecaster, an Air Quality Meteorologist or an Air Quality Science Specialist employed by or under contract with the government, or c) has similar knowledge and experience as described in a) or b) and is approved in writing by a director to conduct custom ventilation forecasts for the purposes of the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation.

2. **AUTHORIZED DISCHARGES**

- 2.1. This subsection applies to the discharge of air contaminants from **ONE (1) BURN PILE #1 SHOOFLY 40**. The site reference number for this discharge is E327931.
- 2.1.1. The maximum authorized load is 1192 tonnes.
- 2.1.2. The authorized work is one (1) burn pile within a dug-out pit. The burn pile will have a maximum diameter of 10 meters and a maximum height of 5 meters.
- 2.1.3. The authorized period of discharge is up to 24 days of active burning. The approval is valid for up to 15 months from the date of issuance.
- 2.1.4. The pile may only be ignited if the custom ventilation forecast obtained on the day before or on the day of ignition, but before ignition, is "good" for the day the open burning starts and is "good or "fair" for the second day of the open burning.
- 2.1.5. Ignition occurs only during the period that starts one hour after sunrise and ends 2 hours before sunset.
- 2.1.6. Material added to the ignited pile is only done when the custom ventilation forecast for the day is "good" or "fair".
- 2.1.7. Material added to the ignited pile is only during the period that starts one hour after sunrise and ends 2 hours before sunset.
- 2.1.8. The authorized material to be combusted is damaged wooden access mats.
- 2.1.9. Waste which is defined in section 2 of Schedule 1 of the Waste Discharge Regulation is prohibited from being burned.



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2.1.10. The location from which the discharge originates is within the certified pipeline project boundary, Shoofly 40, 54.193, -123.599.

2.2. This subsection applies to the discharge of air contaminants from **ONE (1) BURN PILE #2 SHOOFLY 30**. The site reference number for this discharge is E327932.

2.2.1. The maximum authorized load is 298 tonnes.

2.2.2. The authorized work is one (1) burn pile within a dug-out pit. The burn pile will have a maximum diameter of 10 meters and a maximum height of 5 meters.

2.2.3. The authorized period of discharge is up to 9 days of active burning. The approval is valid for up to 15 months from the date of issuance.

2.2.4. The pile may only be ignited if the custom ventilation forecast obtained on the day before or on the day of ignition, but before ignition, is “good” for the day the open burning starts and is “good or “fair” for the second day of the open burning.

2.2.5. Ignition occurs only during the period that starts one hour after sunrise and ends 2 hours before sunset.

2.2.6. Material added to the ignited pile shall only occur when the custom ventilation forecast for the day is “good” or “fair”.

2.2.7. Material added to the ignited pile shall only occur during the period that starts one hour after sunrise and ends 2 hours before sunset.

2.2.8. The authorized material to be combusted is damaged wooden access mats.

2.2.9. Waste which is defined in section 2 of Schedule 1 of the Waste Discharge Regulation is prohibited from being burned.

2.2.10. The location from which the discharge originates is within the certified pipeline project boundary, Shoofly 30, 54.339, -123.275.

2.3. This subsection applies to the discharge of ash produced from the combustion of wood waste authorized under this Approval.

2.3.1. The authorized discharge period is continuous.



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- 2.3.2. The ash may be disposed of at a suitable disposal facility which has been authorized under the Environmental Management Act to receive industrial waste including ash from the combustion of wood waste.
- 2.3.3. Alternatively, the ash may be disposed of on-site. The ash will be swept with a magnet to remove the metal. Once the metal is removed and the ash is cooled, the ash may be covered/buried with mineral soil within the dug-out pit. Soil handling and restoration measures will be adhered as outlined within Coastal Gaslink's Environmental Management Plan.
- 2.3.4. On-site disposal of ash shall not occur within 100 m of a stream or permanent waterbody.
- 2.3.5. The waste that may be discharged is the ash generated from the combustion of the authorized materials specified within Section 2.1 & 2.2.

3.0 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

3.1 General Requirements

- 3.1.1 Nothing in the Approval authorizes an open fire that is
 - (a) prohibited by a ban on igniting open fires imposed by
 - (i) a fire department, as defined in the Fire Services Act,
 - (ii) a local government, or
 - (iii) an improvement district, as defined in the Local Government Act, or
 - (b) contrary to the Wildfire Act or any other enactment.
- 3.1.2 Despite this Approval, the Approval Holder must not start open burning or add material to the ignited piles if the local air flow or atmospheric mixing is likely to cause the smoke emitted by the open burning to
 - (a) negatively impact a nearby population centre or work camp,
 - (b) be a navigation hazard at nearby airports or on nearby highways by significantly reducing visibility.
- 3.1.3 Setbacks for open burning

The Approval Holder must ensure that open burning is carried out at least



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- (a) 500 m from all neighbouring buildings that
 - (i) are residences, or
 - (ii) contain businesses in which persons carry on the business during regular business hours, and
- (b) 1000 m from the nearest property line of all schools, hospitals and community care facilities.

3.1.4 Strategies and techniques to minimize smoke

All reasonable efforts are to be taken to minimize the amount of smoke emitted by the open burning including, but not limited to;

- (a) minimizing the soil content that may be mixed in with the matting
- (b) construct each pile in a way that maximizes air flow
- (c) use air via compressor(s) or fans to promote an efficient burn

3.1.5 Fire Protection

The burn activity will be monitored at all times until the burning is complete. Adequate fire protection equipment will be maintained on site to extinguish any fires that may ignite outside of the burn pile.

3.1.6 Cessation of Fire Feeding and Burning

The Manager may require the Approval Holder to cease the addition of material to the burn pile at any time if the Manager has reason to believe that emissions from the open burning are impacting the receiving environment or when complaints are received regarding local ambient air quality.

3.1.7 Environmental Impact

Inspections of the facilities and discharge may be carried out by OGC personnel as part of the routine inspection procedure. Based on these inspections and any other information available to the Manager on the effect of the discharge on the receiving environment, the Approval Holder may be required to undertake monitoring, additional studies, change the method of operation or shutdown the operations.



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3.1.8 Disposal of Ash

The Approval Holder must take the necessary precautions for avoiding aerial dispersion of ash and the risk of ash leachate at all times.

3.1.9 Maintenance of Works and Emergency Procedures

The Approval Holder must inspect the authorized works regularly and maintain them in good working order. In the event of an emergency or condition beyond the control of the Approval Holder which prevents effective operation of the approved method of pollution control, the Approval Holder must notify the Manager immediately, and take appropriate remedial action. The Manager may reduce or suspend the operation of the Approval Holder to protect the environment until the approved method of pollution control has been restored.

Instances of approval non-compliance shall be self-disclosed upon discovery, as outlined within Chapter 3 of the OGC Compliance and Enforcement Manual; OGCWaste.Management@bcogc.ca shall also be informed of the self-disclosure.

For spills which meet the Spill Reporting Regulation reporting criteria, a report shall be made immediately to the Provincial Emergency Program telephone 1-800-663-3456.

3.1.10 Submission of Custom Ventilation Forecast

The Approval Holder must ensure that each custom ventilation forecast is submitted by email to the Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy, using the email address made known by the ministry, before starting the open burning and copied to the Commission at OGCWaste.Management@bcogc.ca.

4.0 **MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

4.1 **Discharge Monitoring**

The Approval Holder must track the status of the open burning operation including the ventilation forecast or custom ventilation forecasts obtained in respect to open burning, operational hours, load frequency, approximate tonnage of wood waste burned per day, and any fumigation issues. Daily records must be compiled and analyzed on a monthly basis.

4.2 **Discharge Reporting**



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A final report of the discharge monitoring must be submitted within 30 days after the completion of the authorized works. Submission can be made to OGCWaste.Management@bcogc.ca.

