

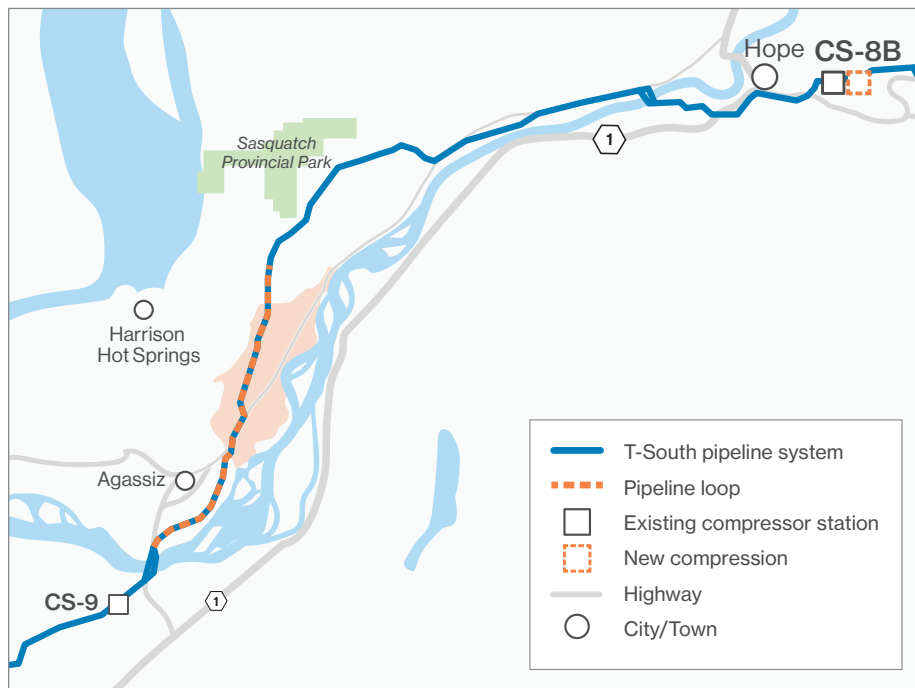
Environmental Protection Notice

Application for Approval under Section 15 of the *Environmental Management Act*

Pre-Authorization No. 112716, Tracking No. 447386

Westcoast Energy GP Inc., general partner of Westcoast Energy Limited Partnership (Westcoast), Suite 200, 425-1st Street, Calgary, AB, T2P 3L8, has submitted an application (Tracking No. 447386) to the Director for approval to authorize the temporary discharge of treated groundwater from pipeline trench dewatering during the construction of the Sunrise Expansion Program along the Agassiz Loop.

The Agassiz Loop is an approximately 13.4 km natural gas pipeline segment to be installed from northeast of Seabird Island to south of Agassiz, between Compressor Station (CS) 8B and CS-9. During construction of this loop, groundwater is expected to flow into the pipeline trench and will be dewatered and discharged to surface water at proposed discharged locations (PDLs). The Agassiz Loop has four PDLs, three of which are located on the Fraser River with the fourth location on Hicks Creek.



Pipeline construction and associated trench dewatering associated with this application are tentatively scheduled to commence April 2027, pending regulatory approvals. The approval will be valid for up to 15 months. Discharge of water during this period may be intermittent but could be 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at a given PDL.

The following table provides a summary of the proposed discharge limits for maximum discharge rate, general construction parameters, and the identified parameters of concern by watercourse. The water released to surface water will undergo treatment prior to discharge to meet either surface water quality guidelines or background conditions (for parameters that are elevated in surface water). Treatment may include a combination of sediment removal, clarification, filtration, and aeration/oxidation to address turbidity and naturally elevated metal concentrations, depending on the groundwater quality and the site-specific discharge water quality requirements. Acute water quality guidelines are proposed for the Fraser River to reflect anticipated mixing in the receiving environment, while chronic guidelines are proposed for Hicks Creek where no initial dilution zone is assumed.

Summary of Proposed Discharge Limits for the Fraser River and Hicks Creek

| Parameter (Units) | Proposed Discharge Limit for End-of-Pipe | |
|---|--|---|
| | Fraser River | Hicks Creek |
| Maximum Discharge Rate (m ³ /s)* | 0.284 | May 1 to August 31: 0.050 September 1 to April 30: 0.013 |
| TSS (mg/L) | 25 or background TSS concentration, whichever is greater | 25 or background TSS concentration, whichever is greater |
| pH | 6.5–8.5 | 6.5–8.5 |
| DO (mg/L) | ≥ 8 | ≥ 8 |
| Nitrate (as N; mg/L) | Acute WQG FAL | Chronic WQG |
| Nitrite (as N; mg/L) | Acute WQG FAL | 0.0304 |
| Total Aluminum (mg/L) | * | 0.175 |
| Total Iron (mg/L) | 2.97 | 2.01 |
| Total Mercury (mg/L) | * | 0.00000344 |
| Dissolved Cadmium (mg/L) | Acute WQG FAL | Chronic WQG FAL |
| Dissolved Cobalt (mg/L) | * | 0.000896 |
| Dissolved Copper (mg/L) | 0.00151 | 0.00173 |
| Dissolved Iron (mg/L) | Acute WQG FAL | 1.13 |
| Dissolved Manganese (mg/L) | * | Chronic WQG FAL |
| Dissolved Nickel (mg/L) | Acute WQG FAL | 0.0031 |

Notes:

WQG FAL = Water Quality Guidelines for the Protection of Freshwater Aquatic Life; N = nitrogen, TSS = total suspended solids; DO = dissolved oxygen; pH = unit of acidity; m³/s = cubic meters per second; mg/L = milligrams per litre

* Discharge quality criterion currently not proposed for Fraser River discharge(s) because no acute WQG FAL exists; chronic WQG FAL or background will be met at the edge of the initial dilution zone consistent with provincial guidance.

Any person who may be adversely affected by the proposed temporary discharge of treated water and wishes to provide relevant information may, within 30 days after the last date of posting, publishing, service or display, send written comments to Westcoast at the email below, with a copy to the Director, Environmental Protection at Industrial.Waste.Authorizations@gov.bc.ca and li.wan@gov.bc.ca. Please ensure you reference Westcoast, Sunrise Expansion Program, Agassiz Loop (Tracking No. 447386) in the submission. The identity of any person making submissions and the contents of anything submitted in relation to this application will become part of the public record.

Dated this 30th day of June, 2026.

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