



## News Release

# Proposed Clay Source for Crane Mountain Landfill

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Fundy Regional Service Commission announced today its intention to register an Environmental Impact Assessment document with the Department of Environment and Local Government for a local clay source on a property southeast of Crane Mountain Landfill.

The project, located on Yellow Gate Road encompasses about 30 hectares and contains a deposit of high quality clay required for construction of the landfill's liner. Crane Mountain Landfill's liner is designed to protect the environment and consists of two feet of clay along with a geo-textile. A shortage of clay during construction of the most recent liner caused a contractor to withdraw its bid. This EIA proposal would reduce uncertainty and costs for landfill construction in the future.

"Without this clay source the landfill faces environmental and financial risk," said Marc MacLeod, executive director. "The best liner for the environment requires clay, and we need a viable secure source. There is enough clay on this property to last to the end of the life of the landfill."

Marco Sivitilli with GEMTEC Consulting Engineers and Scientists outlined the EIA process and methodology to the Commission on Monday morning. As part of the process, public consultations will take place beginning in February. The EIA document will include an analysis of hydrological baseline, aquatic environment, wildlife and wildlife habitat, archeological and heritage areas. A copy of the proposal will be available to the public once it is registered with the Department of Environment and Local Government and will be posted on the Commission's website [www.FundyRecycles.com](http://www.FundyRecycles.com)

"We will work closely with our community and stakeholders as we move through the EIA process and throughout the project. I have met with CMEI, Crane Mountain Enhancement Inc, our monitoring group. There is also an opportunity to develop a plan for wetland compensatory work that we hope to do in partnership with the community," said Marc MacLeod, executive director of the Commission.

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