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Yukon government seeks views on requested oil and gas rights in north Yukon

WHITEHORSE—The Government of Yukon is seeking views on two requests for oil and gas rights located in the Eagle Plain basin. Both requests fall within designated Integrated Management Areas of the North Yukon Land Use Plan, where applications for industrial land uses and other activities will be considered.

The Eagle Plain basin has seen 15 permits for oil and gas rights issued since 2007. Most recently, the Yukon government and the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation issued a joint decision document approving two exploration wells.

"Under Yukon's oil and gas process, requests for oil and gas rights go through a 60-day public review during which input from First Nation governments, municipalities and individuals is welcomed," Minister of Energy Mines and Resources Brad Cathers said.

Starting today Yukoners are invited to provide comments on any environmental, socio-economic, or surface access concerns during the 60-day public review period. Comments received during the review will be used to decide whether or not to proceed with issuing oil and gas rights in all or in parts of the areas identified. Both locations exclude First Nations Settlement A and B lands, and protected areas.

This disposition process assigns oil and gas rights for a specific area. Any exploration and development activities would require appropriate permits and approvals, including review by the Yukon Environmental and Socioeconomic Assessment Board.

Members of the public are invited to review the locations and provide comments by visiting yukonoilandgas.com. The deadline for comments is March 28.

In addition to this process, the Yukon government continues to do work as outlined in a government motion last November, including planning a public dialogue about the oil and gas industry.

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