
HAMMOND REEF GOLD PROJECT RESPONSE TO COMMENTS ON FINAL EIS/EA

COMMENT – T-14

Source: Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency

Summary of Comment

Given that public access cannot be restricted (i.e. people can and likely will continue to use these sites) and several point of receptions were predicted to have elevated particulate matter and elevated noise levels, it is unclear why the proponent would remove the 20 PORs as they may represent worst-case exposure scenarios.

Proposed Action

Evaluate air quality and noise levels at these locations with respect to human health given that these may represent the worst-case exposure scenario.

Reference to EIS

Atmospheric Environment TSD; Chapter 6, Section 6.1.4.2.

Response (same as T-21)

The PORs were removed from the Final EIS/EA Report because they are not considered “points of reception” in accordance with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment noise guideline NPC-300 and therefore do not require assessment in the Atmospheric TSD. These sites were initially identified as potential points of reception in the Draft EIS/EA Report but were later screened out based on the definitions in NPC-300 for the Final EIS/EA Report. Similarly, these sites no longer need to be identified in the Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment TSD. Figure 3-5 of the Atmospheric Environment TSD has been updated in the Final EIS/EA Report identifying the POR’s used in the assessment.

The HHERA evaluated the possible health effects to people who may occasionally access the area for recreational uses such as camping, fishing, hunting, and gathering within 10 km from the Mine Study Area. It was found that recreational use for short-term durations (few hours to a few weeks) does not pose a risk of any health concerns.