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Référence:

23. Les compensations environnementales

Demande ou Question:

- 23.5 Comment sera compensée la perte de lieux publics et accessibles à tous, tels le fleuve (secteur autour du terminal) et une partie de l'Île de Gros-Cacouna (nord-ouest), causée par la présence d'un périmètre de sécurité imposé par le projet de port méthanier ?

Réponse:

The Environmental Impact Study, the subsequent question responses, and the dialogue at the public hearings have all demonstrated clearly that the Cacouna Energy facility will have only a modest effect on the land uses in and near the Gros-Cacouna harbour. As is well known, the harbour lands and adjacent property on Gros-Cacouna Island have been zoned as, and managed as, an industrial, limited-access zone for several decades, rather than as public recreational property. Cacouna Energy is in discussions regarding a comprehensive lease with the property owner Transport Canada, regarding lands required for the project.

Cacouna Energy has made it clear that its land and marine facilities will be operated in a manner safe for all employees, visitors and community neighbours. Similarly as would any other industrial facility, Cacouna Energy will meet or exceed all appropriate regulations governing safe operation. For example, CSA Standard Z-276 requires that Cacouna Energy define a security perimeter to ensure relevant nearby land use planning, and appropriate emergency response planning. Furthermore, as was explained by Mr. Van der Put in the hearing, appropriate land use activity even within the security perimeter includes low density uses such as parkland (DT4, 1557-1564).

Cacouna Energy believes that its project will not result in any significant loss of public use lands. Cacouna Energy is engaged in discussions with Environment Canada on how it can cooperate in the enhancement of the public use lands on Gros-Cacouna and the nearby marsh. In addition, the land that will be part of the exclusion zone does not include any pathways for the public.

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Cacouna Energy has already engaged in discussions with the Federation des canot-kayak Québécoise about the appropriate mitigation measures that can be taken to minimize the impact of the terminal on the near-shore waters of the river close to its marine facilities (DT3, 1573 – 1593).