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ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD HEARING SCHEDULE

The Environmental Appeals Board will conduct a hearing on October 20, 2009, commencing at 8:30 a.m. at the Lethbridge Lodge and Conference Centre. The Board will hear submissions with respect to Alberta Environment’s refusal to issue a water licence to the Municipality of Crowsnest Pass for the Sentinel well located at SW-16-08-05-W5M. Alberta Environment refused to issue a licence because of the possible ground water/surface water connection between the Sentinel well and Crowsnest Lake. As a result of the possible connection and the closure of the South Saskatchewan River Basin, Alberta Environment refused to issue a licence.

The Environmental Appeals Board is a separate and independent body that reviews certain decisions made by Alberta Environment. The Board is composed of environmental experts from a variety of disciplines.

Any person, other than the parties, who wishes to make a representation before the Board on this appeal must submit a request in writing by fax or by e-mail to the Board. The request must be received by the Board on or before September 11, 2009. It is the applicant’s responsibility to ensure their request has been received. The request shall contain the name, address, telephone and fax numbers of the person submitting the request, indicate whether the person will be represented by a lawyer or agent, and if so, their name, contain a summary of the nature of the person’s interest in this appeal, and be signed by the person submitting the request. After September 11, 2009, the Board will, in its discretion, determine if other persons may make representations and the manner in which they can be made. Once all parties have been determined, the hearing will be open to the public for viewing only.

Copies of materials filed with the Board respecting this appeal are available for viewing at the Blairmore Public Library during their normal operating hours, or by appointment at the Office of the Environmental Appeals Board in Edmonton.

The information requested is necessary to allow the Environmental Appeals Board to perform its function. The information is collected under the authority of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, section 33(c). Section 33(c) provides that personal information may only be collected if that information relates directly to and is necessary for the processing of this appeal. The information provided will be considered a public record.

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