NOTICE

Release of

Focus Report Pursuant to the Nova Scotia ENVIRONMENT ACT

This is to advise that on March 1, 2013, the Minister of Environment received the Focus Report for the Alton Natural Gas Pipeline Project proposed by Alton Natural Gas Storage LP in accordance with Part IV of the *Environment Act*.

Alton Natural Gas Storage LP is developing an underground natural gas storage facility near Alton, Nova Scotia. The purpose of the proposed project is to construct and operate a natural gas pipeline to connect this storage facility to the existing Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline Halifax Lateral approximately 10.8 km away. The proposed in-service date for the pipeline is 2014/2015.

Copies of the Focus Report may be examined at the following locations:

- Stewiacke Branch Library, 295 George Street, Stewiacke, NS
- Truro Branch Library, 754 Prince Street, Truro, NS
- Ecology Action Centre, 2705 Fern Lane, Halifax, NS
- Nova Scotia Environment, 36 Inglis Place, 2nd Floor, Suite 3, Truro, NS
- Nova Scotia Environment, 5th Floor Library, 5151 Terminal Road, Halifax, NS
- EA website (when available) at http://gov.ns.ca/nse/ea/projects.asp

The public is invited to submit written comments to: Environmental Assessment Branch Nova Scotia Environment P.O. Box 442, Halifax, NS, B3J 2P8

on or before April 12, 2013, or contact the department at (902) 424-3230, (902) 424-0503 (Fax), or e-mail at *EA@gov.ns.ca*.

All comments received, including any personal information, will be placed in the public file located in the library on the 5th floor of the Nova Scotia Department of the Environment, Halifax Office, 5151 Terminal Road.

