
Notices

Notice

Environment Quality Act
(chapter Q-2)

**Issues raised by the exploration and
exploitation of shale gas in the Utica shale
of the Saint Lawrence Lowlands
— Inquiry and public hearings**

Notice is hereby given under Section 6.3 of the Environment Quality Act (Chapter Q-2), that I have mandated the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement, 575, rue Saint-Amable in Québec City, to hold an inquiry and public hearings following the work done by the Strategic Environmental Assessment Committee on shale gas that resulted in the publication of a series of studies and a final report that includes the observations of the experts comprising the Committee.

In consequence, I request the Chair of the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement to prepare the dossier and name a commissioner in this regard.

The mandate will begin on March 31, 2014 with the report to be submitted to me, at the latest on November 28, 2014.

Prepared at Québec, on this 17th of February 2014.

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*Minister of Sustainable Development,
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