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# WOODFIBRE LNG & FORTIS BC EAGLE MOUNTAIN GAS PIPELINE PROJECTS

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## FORTIS BC AMENDED WASTE DISCHARGE AUTHORIZATION – UPDATE #3

The BC Energy Regulator approved FortisBC's application to amend its Waste Discharge Authorization (WDA) permit for construction water associated with the west tunnel portal at Swiyát (Woodfibre) as part of the Eagle Mountain Gas Pipeline Project. After a thorough review of the amended permit by Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw Rights & Title staff and qualified professionals, we do not expect new risks from this permit change. We will continue to engage with FortisBC and BC Energy Regulator regarding compliance.

### The permit changes:

1. Authorize FortisBC to increase the volume of water discharged into East Creek (not fish bearing) due to higher water volumes from the tunnel than originally expected.
  - The new volume threshold is understood to be within annual variation for this watercourse. We look forward to receiving information from FortisBC on how they intend to “monitor biological, hydrological and geomorphic conditions in East Creek” as per the new permit to verify there are no ecological impacts.
2. Authorize FortisBC to use a higher copper threshold in discharge water due to naturally high copper levels in the area (in other words water from the tunnel often dilutes copper levels in East Creek).
  - Given copper levels are naturally high in the area, Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw Rights & Title staff and qualified professionals do not anticipate concerns with this permit change.

Senior Rights and Title staff and qualified professionals have voiced concerns with ongoing high levels of aluminum to both FortisBC and BC Energy Regulator (as noted in our previous update on this topic: [2026-05 Newsletter](#)). Our expectation is that East Creek remains below chronic BC Water Quality Guidelines. However, aluminum concentrations in East Creek (specifically downstream of the discharge) continue to exceed these Guidelines. This concern is not addressed by the BC Energy Regulator permit and therefore does not enforce compliance with chronic Guidelines. We have issued a SNEAA Compliance Report on the topic and are meeting with FortisBC on next steps.

Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw Rights and Title will continue to provide updates. If you have any questions or concerns in the meantime, please feel free to reach out to Whitney at [swiyat@squamish.net](mailto:swiyat@squamish.net) or 778-966-1117.