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**Engagement in Environmental Assessment Revitalization
Province-Wide Forum on
May 29-30
in Vancouver, BC**

April 13, 2018

Dear Chief,

Recently, the Premier of British Columbia has mandated the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy to:

“Revitalize the Environmental Assessment process ... to ensure the legal rights of First Nations are respected, and the public's expectation of a strong, transparent process is met.”

In order to support advancing the environmental assessment revitalization process, the First Nations Leadership Council directed the BC First Nations Energy and Mining Council (FNEMC) to engage with the BC Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) to organize four regional workshops, and a fifth province-wide forum, in BC. The first four regional workshops have been concluded and were attended by Chiefs, leaders, First Nations environmental and regulatory experts, and representatives of the EAO.

The FNEMC is now in the planning stages to host a Province-wide First Nations gathering, in Vancouver, to continue discussions on the proposed BC environmental assessment revitalization process. This forum is planned to be hosted at the Musqueam First Nation from May 29-30, 2018. Participants at this forum will include First Nations chiefs, leaders, and Indigenous environmental and regulatory experts. Members of the EAO will also be participating in this event.

Participant travel will be reimbursed for one member per First Nation to attend and each participant must submit a travel expense claim to FNEMC within seven days after the workshop (to a maximum of \$1000.00)

We will host breakfast and lunch, on both days of the forum, so please register to ensure we have sufficient food and so we can accommodate any dietary needs of registrants.

Please refer to FNEMC's website, www.fnemc.ca for the agenda and updated information closer to the date. To register for the event please send your name and First Nation to: Mark.Blom@fnemc.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Porter', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Dave Porter
CEO First Nations Energy and Mining Council

Cc:

Honourable George Heyman
Deputy Minister Kevin Jardine
First Nations Leadership Council