

Review and Provide Comments on the Marathon Gold Environmental Impact Statement

You are invited to review and comment on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Summary submitted by Marathon Gold Corporation, the Proponent for the Valentine Gold Project (the Project).

The [Project](#) includes the construction, operation, decommissioning, and reclamation of an open-pit gold mine project located at Valentine Lake, approximately 55 kilometres southwest of Millertown, Newfoundland and Labrador.

Review of the EIS:

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (the Agency) has accepted the EIS from the Proponent. A public comment period on the potential environmental effects of the Project as described in the EIS **began on November 3 and ends on December 23, 2020.**

The full EIS documents are available on the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry at:

EIS Summary

EN: <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/documents/p80169/136514E.pdf>

FR: <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/documents/p80169/136514F.pdf>

EIS

EN: <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/document/136521>

On September 29, 2020, the Agency received an EIS from Marathon Gold Corporation. The Agency, along with federal expert departments completed a conformity review to confirm whether all the requirements set out in the [EIS Guidelines](#) were contained in the EIS.

The Agency is interested in receiving Qalipu First Nation's views regarding, but not limited to, the following key areas:

- The potential environmental effects of the Project as described under section 5 of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012, in particular, the potential effects from changes to the environment with respect to Aboriginal peoples on:
 - the health and socio-economic conditions
 - physical and cultural heritage
 - current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes
 - any structure, site or thing that is of historical, archaeological, paleontological or architectural significance
- The effectiveness of the proposed mitigations measures and/or follow up programs related to potential adverse environmental effects.

When providing your views, it would be helpful to indicate the section of the EIS document your comments refer to, as well as any context or background that may help the Agency better understand Qalipu First Nation's views with respect to the potential environmental effects of the Project.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Comments received and other documents submitted or generated to inform the environmental assessment are part of the project file. Accordingly, information submitted to the Agency that is relevant to the environmental assessment of the project is available to the public upon request and will be posted to the online public registry. The Agency will remove information, such as home addresses, telephone numbers, e-mail addresses and signatures prior to public disclosure. Should you provide any documents that contain confidential or sensitive information that you believe should not be made public,

please contact me directly to discuss by phone at (902) 403-4398 or by email at joanna.tombs@canada.ca.

The Agency appreciates receiving your comments by the end of the comment period, **on or before December 23, 2020**. Comments may be submitted to the Agency in the following ways:

- Directly to the Canadian Impact Assessment Registry, by logging in and submitting your comments here: <https://iaac-aeic.gc.ca/050/evaluations/proj/80169/participation> OR
- To the project mailbox at: iaac.valentine.aeic@canada.ca.