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On behalf of Aamjiwnaang First Nation, I am writing in response to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) Notice # 019-6296 Proposed amendments to the Oil, Gas and Salt Resources Act, to remove the prohibition on carbon sequestration which was posted on the ERO on November 23, 2022.

Any amendments to the abovementioned Act will impact Aamjiwnaang First Nation and our Constitutionally protected Treaty and Aboriginal Rights. Therefore it is imperative that adequate First Nation Consultation, mitigation and accommodation are considered in this process and that effective protective measures are in place. The Duty to Consult is rooted in the Honour of the Crown and the protection of Aboriginal Rights under section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982. This legislation requires the Crown to consult, and where appropriate, accommodate Indigenous communities when there is potential for a Project to adversely impact Aboriginal or Treaty Rights. It is our assumption that the amendments to the Act will result in an increase in proponents and projects in the region and we need assurance that Consultation will be carried out efficiently.

We would like to request a meeting in the near future where the proposed changes can be discussed in more detail. Please connect with our office to set something up.

Best Regards,

Cathleen O'Brien
Environment Coordinator, Aamjiwnaang First Nation

Cc: Aamjiwnaang Chief & Council
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