



**Alton Natural Gas Storage Project – Decommissioning  
Public Comment Period  
Frequently Asked Questions  
December 2021**

**What are the goals for decommissioning Alton?**

We commit to decommissioning Alton in a manner that reduces environmental and public safety risks. Throughout the process, we remain committed to the ongoing health of the Shubenacadie River estuary.

The overall goal of the plan is to reclaim the project sites to allow the land to support various land uses. A successful decommissioning and reclamation program will achieve the following objectives:

- Comply with applicable legal and regulatory requirements
- Promote environmental stewardship by minimizing environmental impacts
- Consider beneficial re-use of facilities, equipment and land
- Reduce public safety risk and potential long-term liabilities
- Provide a means to invite input from local communities and the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia on the proposed decommissioning activities

**What is the proposed decommissioning plan?**

Our draft plan for decommissioning Alton is shared on the project's website, [www.altonaturalgastorage.ca](http://www.altonaturalgastorage.ca)

Development of the plan was guided by regulatory requirements and guidelines, landowner obligations, applicable environmental commitments made by Alton, examples of comparable decommissioning and reclamation projects and site-specific conditions.

Our proposed approach would minimize ground and habitat disturbances and associated environmental effects (including erosion, sedimentation, noise and air emissions) associated with decommissioning and reclamation activities.

### **What are the steps in decommissioning?**

Alton submitted a plan for decommissioning to the Province of Nova Scotia on November 26, 2021.

On December 1, 2021, Alton was advised by the Province to coordinate a 30-day period to receive public input on the plan.

Given the holidays, the 30-day comment period has been extended to January 25, 2022.

Comments submitted by members of the public will be shared with the Province after January 25. Alton will then wait for direction from the Province on next steps in the decommissioning process.

A general schedule for decommissioning is included in the plan.

### **How can I participate in the review of the decommissioning process?**

You can submit comments by email or by letter before end of day **Tuesday, January 25, 2022**.

Send an email with your comments in the text of the email (no attachments) to [altonproject@altagas.ca](mailto:altonproject@altagas.ca)

Send a letter with your comments to: Alton Natural Gas Storage, P.O. Box 70, Stewiacke, NS, B0N 2J0.

Please include your name, return address and/or email, and telephone/mobile number with your submission.

### **How can I learn more about decommissioning?**

Updates on the decommissioning process will be posted to the Alton website, [www.altonnaturalgasstorage.ca](http://www.altonnaturalgasstorage.ca)