



**SIPEKNE'KATIK
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Sipekne'katik Leadership Opposed to Nova Scotia's Position on Aboriginal Rights and Title

(INDIAN BROOK FIRST NATION, NS) – On November 14th and 15th Sipekne'katik vs. Nova Scotia (Minister of Environment), Alton Natural Gas Storage LP was heard at the Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax by Justice Hood.

The filed brief as well as arguments presented by Nova Scotia are deeply disturbing. The attempt to limit Sipekne'katik's Aboriginal Rights and Title runs contrary to what is expected of Nova Scotia in its dealing with the Mi'kmaq people. Sipekne'katik expects the province to uphold the Honour of the Crown.

Despite the arguments by the Crown Attorney, Sipekne'katik Band members will continue to exercise Aboriginal and Treaty Rights.

Sipekne'katik expects the decision of Justice Hood will be released mid-January 2017.

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Sipekne'katik is a Mi'kmaq Band in Nova Scotia with over 2,600 members throughout Mi'kma'ki and beyond. Sipekne'katik represents itself in all consultation and negotiation matters that concern Sipekne'katik.

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