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January 30, 2019 – The **Office of the Wet'suwet'en** has written to **B.C Minister of Environment George Heyman** to request an immediate cease-and-desist work order for **Coastal GasLink** pipeline project on **Wet'suwet'en** territories.

This comes after the **Office of the Wet'suwet'en** received an email from the B.C Environmental Assessment Office Compliance and Enforcement Officer stating that **Coastal GasLink** was not compliant with the pre-construction requirements at six of the inspected locations, and has been conducting work outside of their Environmental Assessment Certificate conditions. The email further states that the Compliance and Enforcement Officer has issued a Warning of Non Compliance to **Coastal GasLink** under the Environmental Assessment Act.

“**Coastal GasLink** has been found non-compliant in six legally-required and legally-binding conditions. This report by the B.C Environmental Assessment Office Compliance and Enforcement Officer affirms our own **Wet'suwet'en** investigations about **Coastal GasLink's** willful and illegal disregard for our territories and cultural practices. The provincial

government is required to uphold its own law and issue an immediate cease-and-desist work order for **Coastal GasLink** pipeline project on **Wet'suwet'en** territories. This project already does not have free, prior and informed consent under Wet'suwet'en rule of law, and now is violating B.C laws," says **Chief Namoks**.

The **Office of the Wet'suwet'en** is a central office for the **Wet'suwet'en Nation** and is governed by the **Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs** residing throughout the 22,000 square km of **Wet'suwet'en** traditional territories. **Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs** are the Title Holders and maintain the authority and jurisdiction to make decisions on unceded lands. Under '**Anuc niwh'it'en**, **Wet'suwet'en** rule of law, all five clans of the **Wet'suwet'en** have unanimously opposed all pipeline proposals and we have not provided free, prior, and informed consent to **Coastal GasLink/TransCanada** to do work on Wet'suwet'en lands.

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REINFORCEMENTS ARE STILL NEEDED ON THE FRONT-LINE! But....
At the moment no one is being allowed in or out of the Camps. However, this struggle is ongoing no matter what happens in the next couple of days. Please refer to the previous information on requirements then register [HERE](#).

And thanks to those who stepped up with offers of transportation in response to our previous call-out. Vehicles are still needed so please register above or reply to this email if you can assist in that way.

Stand Ready to Respond The Day After Any RCMP Action Against the Wet'suwet'en

In **Vancouver** supporters are asked to gather at the offices of **VANDU** (380 E Hastings) at **9:00 am** for further directions.

If you live **outside the Lower Mainland** please take action in your own community along with other **Indigenous Rights** and **Climate Justice** activists in your area.

Here again are some of the other important ways you can support the Unist'ot'en, Gitdumt'en and the entire Wet'suwet'en Nation.

Donate to the Wet'suwet'en Access Point on Gitdumt'en Territory:

<https://www.gofundme.com/gitdumt039en-access-point>

Donate to Unist'ot'en Camp: <http://unistoten.camp/support-us/donate/>

Donate to Unist'ot'en Camp Legal Fund: <https://actionnetwork.org/fundraising/unistoten-camp-legal-fund>

Get updates from [Wet'suwet'en Access Point on Gitdumt'en Territory](#):

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO -SIGN THE PLEDGE:

Join 4288 organizations and individuals in signing the pledge in support of Unist'ot'en:

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