

Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal Project

Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal Project Public consultation on the Environmental Impact Statement is extended

HALIFAX, August 4, 2006 - The Joint Panel reviewing the Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal project in Digby County, today announced that the comment period on the adequacy of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) has been extended to August 11, 2006. The EIS, prepared by the proponent, details the anticipated effects of the proposed project on the environment.

On April 27th, the Joint Panel issued an invitation to the public to submit written comments on whether the statement adequately addresses the requirements of the guidelines issued for the preparation of the statement.

Comments in either official language may be sent by August 11, 2006 by mail, email or fax to the attention of:

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All comments and responses will be placed in the online public registry at www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca, at the Isaiah W. Wilson Memorial Library in Digby and at the library of Nova Scotia Environment and Labour in Halifax. The EIS is available on the Joint Panel's Web site at www.wpq-jointreview.ca. Copies of the EIS may be viewed at the locations listed in the news release of April 27, 2006.

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The Joint Review Panel for the Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal Project is an independent body, mandated by the federal Minister of the Environment and the Nova Scotia Minister of Environment and Labour to assess the environmental effects of the proposed project.

For more information on the joint review panel process, contact the Panel Manager mentioned above.

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