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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Cleveland:

Thank you for your email of November 3, 2002, in which you express concern about the impact that mining would have on the environment in the North Mountain area.

Your specific mention of basalt may refer to the permit given for the White's Cove quarry in Digby Neck. As this proposal is currently for a small quarry (less than four hectares) it did not trigger the Environmental Assessment process at this time, but would if the proponents wish to expand it as suggested in the media.

I thank you once again for taking the time to inform us of your concerns.

Sincerely,

David Morse

David Morse
Minister

cc: Honourable Gordon D. Balsler, Minister of Energy
Mark Parent, MLA, Kings North