

From: Hon. Kerry G. Morash
To: catochimkk@yahoo.com
Subject: e-mail to Premier Hamm

January 7, 2003

Mr. Ian McKay
catochimkk@yahoo.com

Dear Mr. McKay:

Thank you for your e-mail message voicing your concern about the proposed quarry operations at White's Cove, Digby Neck. Your message to the Honourable John Hamm has been forwarded to me for follow-up reply as the Minister responsible for the Nova Scotia Environment Act.

You raise some very important topics in your letter such as drinking water supplies, noise, eco-tourism, property values and the marine environment. All of these items, as well as others, will be examined during the Environmental Assessment process.

Any proposed expansion of the quarry at White's Cove is subject to the completion of both the Provincial and Federal Environmental Assessment processes. In addition to evaluating the technical, social and environmental issues, the process will incorporate public participation throughout. There will also be formal opportunities to allow stakeholders to review information and provide input prior to any decisions. No decisions will be made until all the information has been evaluated.

Should you wish to receive more information as it becomes available, you can join the Environmental Assessment Mailing List by visiting our website at www.gov.ns.ca/enla/ess/ea/. This will enable you to receive notification of new environmental assessment project registrations and Ministerial decisions. Other information about the EA process can be found at this site as well.

Should you have any additional questions or concerns concerning this issue, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Kim MacNeil, Western Regional Manager, Kentville, at (902) 679-6086.

Sincerely yours,

Original Signed By

Kerry Morash
Minister

cc: Hon. John Hamm
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