

Mr. Don Mullin
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Dear Mr. Mullin:

Thank you for your letter of February 23, 2004. I was glad to have the opportunity to meet with you and others and to listen to your concerns regarding the quarry project at White's Cove.

As you are aware, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour are working together to establish a Joint Environmental Assessment Review Panel process for the proposed project. Once established, the panel will review all aspects of the project, including those plans as stated in the Project Description attached with your letter. The panel will also provide a formal opportunity for stakeholders to comment and ask questions.

The Application for an Investigation pursuant to Section 115 of the Environment Act, made by the Partnership, is currently being addressed by staff of the Yarmouth office. A report with the findings of this investigation is forthcoming.

Yours truly,

Kerry Morash
Minister

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