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YARMOUTH DISTRICT  
OFFICE  
YARMOUTH, N.S.

Dear Dr. Evenden:

Thank you for your e-mail message dated July 18, 2002 regarding the development of a quarry in White's Cove on Digby Neck, and the assessment of potential environmental impacts.

Although an Approval has been granted for a quarry at this site, any future plans to expand the quarry beyond four (4) hectares will trigger the provincial Environmental Assessment process according to the Nova Scotia *Environmental Assessment Regulations*. This process requires a detailed evaluation of a wide scope of issues, including environmental and socioeconomic effects and also gives the public a formal opportunity to provide comments on the company's environmental assessment submission.

The Department must then decide, based on information submitted by stakeholders and other regulators, as well as the proponent's submission, whether the project is approved, rejected, or if more information or further review is required.

The Department is also coordinating its efforts with Fisheries and Oceans Canada who are responsible for marine issues under federal legislation.

I trust that this answers your questions. However, if you have any additional concerns regarding this project, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Kim MacNeil, Western Regional Manager, at (902) 679-6086.

Sincerely,

**Original Signed By**

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