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Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency  
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Attention: Mr. Derek McDonald

Dear Sir:

**RE: Proposed Quarry and Marine Terminal at Whites Point, Digby Neck, Nova Scotia**

Fisheries and Oceans Canada – Habitat Management Division - (DFO-HMD) received the 'Draft Project Description' for the proposed quarry and marine terminal from your agency on February 6, 2003. The covering letter requested that DFO-HMD review the information and confirm whether or not the information provided in the draft project description is adequate for Federal Coordination purposes.

After careful review of the document, DFO-HMD has concluded that additional information is required to determine whether or not we are likely to be a Responsible Authority (RA).

DFO-HMD needs more detailed information on the nearshore fish habitat in the area of the proposed marine terminal, dimensions of the marine terminal including the proposed piles, construction details (type and duration), impacts to tidal and nearshore currents, effluent discharge quality and quantity, etc. DFO-HMD also requires detailed information on the impacts of blasting to the tidal and nearshore environment.

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Once DFO-HMD has received the required additional information, we will continue our review of the proposal related to impacts on fish habitat.

If you have any questions please contact Mr. Phil Zamora at the Regional headquarters in Dartmouth (902-426-4692) or Mr. Peter Winchester, Area Habitat Co-ordinator for Southwest Nova Scotia (902-742-0873).

Respectfully,



Thomas J. Wheaton  
Habitat Management Officer

Attach,  
copy: HMD Referrals  
Phil Zamora, DFO-HMD  
Peter Winchester, DFO-HMD



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