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From: Zwicker, Stephen [Dartmouth]
Sent: May 5, 2006 2:05 PM
To: Jeffrey, Barry [Dartmouth]
Subject: RE: Panels

Look alright. I've added the web link

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From: Jeffrey, Barry [Dartmouth]
Sent: Friday, May 05, 2006 12:30 PM
To: Zwicker, Stephen [Dartmouth]; Kirstein, Friederike [Dartmouth]
Subject: Panels

For discussion this PM re: how best to do this...please play with words in advance of our meeting this PM

I'm thinking I could distribute to EA coordinators, Section Heads, etc within Science, EPOD, CWS, MSC

As some may have already heard, two 'new' environmental assessment panel reviews are underway in the Maritimes. One is Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal in Digby Neck, Nova Scotia (rock shipped to US). The other is Brunswick Pipeline between Saint John and the US border (natural gas conveyed to US). In both cases, EC will be participating as an expert federal authority.

Whites Point

The draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal was submitted to the Joint Review Panel on April 27. EC has received copies of the submission and the panel has announced the commencement of the review period (http://www.ceaa.gc.ca/010/0001/0001/0023/nr060427_e.htm). The documents are now posted on the 30 day temp R: Drive in a folder named **Whites Points EIS**. The document has been submitted in several volumes including the main EIS, reference documents and appendices.

In the coming days we will be confirming the members of the review team, identifying the key issues and concerns that will help to focus EC's review, and implementing a timeline for the review that will accommodate necessary briefings and approvals. In the meantime, if you have any questions on the project or the review process please give me or Steve Zwicker a call. The EC team members that had been identified during earlier stages of the panel review are identified below:

Team Members (Based on past participation)
Andre Gauthier
Scott Lewis
Sinc Dewis
Rachel Gautreau (Andrew Boyne, Al Hanson, Keith MacAloney)
Lindiwe MacDonald
Keith Keddy (Jean Guy Deveau)
Michael Hingston

It should be noted that a second large quarry and marine terminal has been proposed for Belleoram on the south coast of NL. Many of the environmental issues will be similar. That project will be at least subject to a comprehensive study under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act - CEAA* (Minister of Environment involved in decision-making)

Brunswick Pipeline

The Minister has just announced her decision to refer this project to a panel (Agency web site here). She has also announced that the CEAA panel will be substituted with the NEB regulatory review process which involves hearings. This is being done as a pilot.

In the coming weeks we will be expecting to see a project application that will launch the NEB process. As it stands, EC has already examined the project description and offered comments on a draft scoping document via

the EPOD DG.

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It should be noted that two other pipelines that will also be connecting to the Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline leading to US markets have been proposed and are under EA review - the Bear Head pipeline in NS and the McCully pipeline in Sussex area of NB. In all three cases, many of the environmental issues of concern to EC will be similar.