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Subject Re: Fw: White points quarry

Thank you - that's an important point.  
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No problem, but just to clarify however, from a strictly HC perspective, our air experts did not believe there would be an air quality problem that would adversely impact on human health and the water experts the safety in terms of quality of the water vs. quantity. I've added Deb to the email so she can correct me if I am wrong.  
Jane

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Subject Fw: White points quarry

Thanks Jane.

Judith, below is a link to the executive summary of the White's point report. I've extracted the recommendations bullets from the executive summary below. A quick persusal of the summary indicates that the majority of the concerns were related to environmental effects and what the panel viewed as inadequate or uncertain mitigation. Some of those environmental effects, such as the possible changes in groundwater availability or air quality, might ultimately have had human health impacts:

"Most of the social burdens would be borne by the surrounding communities, and could include changes in quality of life and enjoyment of property through reduced tranquility, increased vehicular and ship traffic, reduction of groundwater quantity, altered air quality, and lower property values."

James

**1. The Panel recommends that the Minister of Environment and Labour (Nova Scotia) reject the proposal made by Bilcon of Nova Scotia to create the Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal and recommends to the Government of Canada that the Project is likely**

to cause significant adverse environmental effects that, in the opinion of the Panel, cannot be justified in the circumstances.

2. The Panel recommends that the Province of Nova Scotia develop and implement a comprehensive coastal zone management policy or plan for the Province.

3. Because of the special issues associated with coastal quarries, the Panel recommends a moratorium on new approvals for development along the North Mountain until the Province of Nova Scotia has thoroughly reviewed this type of initiative within the context of a comprehensive provincial coastal zone management policy and established appropriate guidelines to facilitate decision-making.

4. The Panel recommends that the Province of Nova Scotia develop and implement more effective mechanisms than those currently in place for consultation with local governments, communities and proponents in considering applications for quarry developments.

5. The Panel recommends that the Province of Nova Scotia modify its regulations to require an environmental assessment of quarry projects of any size.

6. The Panel recommends that the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency develop a guidance document on the application of adaptive management in environmental assessments and in environmental management following approvals.

7. The Panel recommends that Transport Canada revise its ballast water regulations to ensure that ships transporting goods from waters with known risks take appropriate measures to significantly reduce the risk of transmission of unwanted species.

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Executive summary of panel report.

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