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From: Chapman, Steve [CEAA]
Sent: July 7, 2003 8:40 AM
To: 'Cheryl L Benjamin'
Subject: RE: Whites Pt. Quarry

Hi Cheryl,

Hope you had a nice weekend.

With respect to 1, normally the public and government officials have the opportunity to review the EIS at the same time.

I am not sure if we agreed on how the EIS guidelines would be finalized. However, if a decision is made that our respective governments set the EIS Guidelines then the panel would not be able to change them unless a specific request is made back to the government.

The time needed to complete an EIS is a bit tricky and is very dependant on the nature of the project, the complexity of the issues involved and the amount of background information that may have already been compiled. To the best of my knowledge, there has never been an EIS submitted (or Comprehensive Study Report for that matter) that has not required some revisions.

-Steve

-----Original Message-----

From: Cheryl L Benjamin [mailto:BENJAMCL@gov.ns.ca]
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Steve,

A couple of questions:

1) is there an opportunity for government to review a draft of the EIS or does it go straight to the panel and out for public comment?

2) in the panel procedures document, figure 5 illustrates preparation of the draft EIS guidelines. Not illustrated is the approach we tentatively agreed upon - to have the EIS guidelines finalized (including public review) by us, correct? Or will the panel be able to open the guidelines for further public consultation?

3) to date, what is the range in length of time the Agency has seen for Proponents to prepare the EIS? how frequently has more information been required?

Thanks
Cheryl

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