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Dear Mr. Connelly:

TO AGENCY'S LETTER
ON WHITES POINT PROCESS
+ ~~RESPONSE~~ DECISION'S
WITHIN 60 DAYS OF FINAL
REPORT.
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This letter is in response to correspondence received from Mr. Sid Gershberg dated November 14, 2003, regarding the co-ordination of timing and announcements associated with the proposed Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal project. I agree that the co-ordination of federal and provincial agency efforts through the panel review process is an essential component of any successful multi-jurisdictional environmental assessment. The physical and financial economies associated with a joint review can only be realized through the combined efforts of all parties concerned. In this regard, I concur fully with the intentions of Nova Scotia's Minister of Environment and Labour and Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency.

As the lead responsible authority for this assessment, I acknowledge Fisheries and Oceans Canada's (DFO) role in the development of a co-ordinated Government of Canada response to the joint review panel report once completed, and further, to take a course of action under section 37.1 of the *Canadian Environment Assessment Act*. In accordance with section 4.19 of the *Procedures for an Assessment by a Review Panel*, DFO will make every effort to coordinate that response within 60 days of receipt of the report.

I also look forward to our continued good working relationship on this assessment and am confident that with our combined efforts, it will be a successful one.

Yours sincerely,

Larry Murray

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