
Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal Project
Joint Review Panel
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Jim Abraham
Regional Director General
Environment Canada
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Dear Mr. Abraham:

On November 5, 2004, the federal Minister of the Environment and the Nova Scotia Minister of Environment and Labour established the Joint Review Panel for the environmental assessment of the Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal Project.

The Panel believes that participation by federal and provincial departments and agencies in the environmental assessment is required to ensure that we collect all necessary information prior to submitting our report to both levels of government. The Panel will be holding public hearings in Digby, Nova Scotia commencing on June 16, 2007.

Accordingly, we request that representatives from Environment Canada appear on Thursday, June 21 to give a presentation and be prepared to answer questions from the Panel and the hearing participants. The Panel would like the department to present its views on environmental effects associated with the project including comments on the adequacy of the proponent's responses to your comments on the EIS.

You are also asked to provide any other information that relates to the Panel's mandate in assessing the effects of the proposed project.

A representative of your department is asked to contact Debra Myles, Panel Manager, at (613) 957-0626 to schedule an appearance on June 21, 2007

Yours sincerely,

Robert Fournier, Chair

c.c. Kevin Blair, Environmental Assessment Analyst