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*Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal Project*  
*Joint Review Panel*  
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Dear Ms. Pugh:

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 Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Public Works appear on Tuesday, June 19 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 view on environmental effects associated with the project, with specific reference to future plans for Whites Cove Road, and the potential environmental effects from increased vehicle traffic on Highway 217...

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 Helen MacPhail at 424-3960 to schedule an appearance on June 19, 2007.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Fournier, Chair

c.c. Paul Stone, Area Manager, Middleton