
*Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal Project
Joint Review Panel*

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Dear Mr. Buxton:

As you are aware, a Joint Review Panel was recently created in response to the proposal from Bilcon of Nova Scotia Corporation to establish a basalt quarry and marine terminal on Digby Neck. Following the appointment of the panel members, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the Nova Scotia Department of Environment and Labour jointly released, for public comment, draft guidelines to assist in the preparation on an Environmental Impact Statement by Bilcon. As part of its mandated responsibilities, the Joint Panel must finalize the above mentioned guidelines following its review of comments received from the public and other stakeholders. The Joint Review Panel believes that it is important for Bilcon of Nova Scotia's views regarding the draft guidelines to become part of the public record.

Therefore, the Joint Review Panel requests that Bilcon of Nova Scotia review the draft guidelines and return comments to the Panel no later than January 21, 2005. Comments can be sent by either postal mail or electronic mail to the following address:

*Steve Chapman, Panel Manager
Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal Project - Joint Review Panel
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Halifax NS B3J 2R7
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Bilcon of Nova Scotia may also wish to make a formal presentation to the Joint Review Panel at any one of four public meetings planned from January 6-9, 2005. If that is the case, please contact Steve Chapman at the above address so that you can be included into the schedule.

Yours sincerely,



Robert Fournier, Chair