

**COMPLAINTS TO MINISTER
THIBAUT'S OFFICE REGARDING
SILTATION INCIDENT
OF MAY 25, 2003**



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Honourable Robert Thibault, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
Centennial Towers, Suite 1570
200 Kent Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E6

Fax: 613-990-7292

Dear Mr. Minister:

I understand that another problem has appeared at the quarry site at White's Cove on Digby Neck.

We have had a day of quiet rain and there has been a lot of silt run-off from the quarry site into the Bay of Fundy. According to one of the lobster fishermen whose traps are in the area, this run-off extended out about 1/2 mile into the Bay, mid afternoon today. The feeble collection pond that has been set up obviously cannot cope with this run-off.

Of course, this is one of the many concerns we have had about this quarry. This run-off is from the 10-acre quarry site. What is going to happen from the proposed 380-acre quarry?

I expect a reply from you in the very near future that you are setting up an investigation into this damage to fish habitat. How much more evidence do you need to see what is going on?

After all, the responsibility lies with you, Mr. Minister.

Thank you,

Carol Mahtab

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Copies to:

**Right Honourable Jean Chretien, Prime Minister of Canada
Honourable David Anderson, Minister of Environment
Mr. Peter Stoffer, NDP Fisheries Critic**

**Honourable John F. Hamm, Premier of Nova Scotia
Honourable Gordon Balse, NS Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries
Honourable Ron S. Russell, NS Minister of Environment and Labour
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**Partnership For The Sustainable Development Of
Digby Neck & Islands Society**

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May 30, 2003



Honourable Ron Russell, Minister
Department of Environment & Labour
5151 Terminal Road, 6th Floor
P.O. Box 697
Halifax, NS, B3J 2T8

Dear Mr. Minister:

Re: Proposed quarry in White's Cove, Little River, Digby Neck

On May 25, 2003, following an extended period of rain, members of the Society and others witnessed the failure of the settling pond on the quarry property at White's Cove. The rainwater had overflowed the containment pond and washed sediments from the surrounding area into the Bay of Fundy. According to fishermen who were monitoring the Bay that afternoon, the sedimentation extended about half a mile into the Bay.

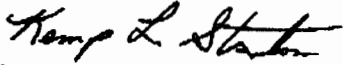
A member of your Department inspected the site on Monday, May 26, and confirmed that large amounts of water were being released into the Bay. The need for immediate site remediation was also noted by the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans on an inspection on May 27, with an order issued by them for additional containment to be carried out within 48 hours.

This failure occurred before any blasting, grinding, washing and shipping had occurred on the 3.9-hectare site. What is going to happen to the area when the mega-quarry is underway if the Proponent is incapable of sound environmental practices on a modest project? The Erosion and Sedimentation Control Handbook of 1988 states (page 9a) that "conservation practices for erosion and sediment control should *meet or exceed* guidelines and specifications contained in this handbook." At this very early stage of the undertaking, the lack of adherence to the Principles and Practices for reducing erosion and sedimentation causing such a level of threat to fish habitat cannot be tolerated.

Mr. Minister, you are responsible for the execution of the Terms and Conditions of the Approval issued to Nova Stone Exporters, Inc. Therefore, following the General Terms and Conditions of the Approval of April 30, 2002 to Nova Stone Exporters, Inc., Section

3, Paragraph f (I), we insist that you cancel the quarry Approval (i.e., the Permit) "pursuant to subsection 58 (2) (b) and 58 (4) of the (Environment) Act".

Sincerely,



Kemp L. Stanton, Chair
Partnership for Sustainable Development of Digby Neck and Islands Society

cc: Mr. Ron L'Esperance, Deputy Minister, NS Department of Environment and Labour
Honourable John F. Hamm, Premier of Nova Scotia
Honourable Gordon Balser, Minister of Agriculture & Fisheries
Mr. Howard Epstein, Environmental Critic, NDP
Mr. Russell MacKinnon, Environmental Critic, Liberal Party

Right Honourable Jean Chretien, Prime Minister of Canada
Honourable Robert Thibault, Federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
Honourable David Anderson, Minister of the Environment
Mr. Peter Stoffer, M.P., NDP Fisheries Critic

Wells, Lilianne

From: XNCR, Min
Sent: 26 mai 2003 15:10
To: Wells, Lilianne
Subject: FW: White's Cove mega-quarry

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From: richard klein[SMTP:RICKLEIN@WORLDNET.ATT.NET]
Sent: Monday, May 26, 2003 3:10:07 PM
To: Min@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
Subject: White's Cove mega-quarry
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Dear Minister:

On October 16, 2002 you met with me and other concerned residents of Digby Neck regarding the establishment of a mega-quarry in White's Cove. You assured us that there would be an environmental assessment before Global Quarry Products would be allowed to proceed. To date there has been no public environmental review. You have allowed Global Quarry Products to plunder White's Cove so that yesterday's rain caused mud to pollute the Bay of Fundy. As the Minister in charge of fishing industry of Canada it would seem inconsistent with your responsibilities to persevere and encourage fishing and lobster habitat while allowing this kind of pollution to occur.

As a Digby Neck Resident I expect that you will use your ministerial power for the good of the environment and the fishing industry by immediately invoking the "precautionary principle" to stop this quarrying operation at White's Cove before any further destruction of Canada's precious environment can occur.

I look forward to your reply on this matter of urgent importance.

Sincerely,
Jill Klein
2 Old Post Road
Sandy Cove NS B0V 1E0

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Wells, Lilianne

From: XNCR, Min
Sent: 25 mai 2003 21:57
To: Wells, Lilianne
Subject: FW: (no subject)



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>From: richard klein[SMTP:RICKLEIN@WORLDNET.ATT.NET]

>Sent: Sunday, May 25, 2003 9:53:46 PM

>To: Min@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

>Cc: Marilyn Stanton; Ashraf Mahtab; don.susan@ns.sympatico.ca

>Subject: Fw: (no subject)

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Dear Minister,

This is 1 of 3 emails with pictures taken of the "silt collection pond" at the White's Cove mega quarry site. The first four pictures were taken before today's rains. The remaining pictures were taken this afternoon. They show a breach in the back of the collection pond. A plumb of silt was observed originating at the quarry site and extending over half a mile out into the Bay of Fundy.

Your office has the power to close the cod fishery and leave the port of Halifax open surely you can stop this travesty.

Ric & Jill Klein

Sandy Cove

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From: "Zora Walker" <z.w@ns.sympatico.ca>

To: <ricklein@att.net>

Sent: Sunday, May 25, 2003 8:09 PM

Subject: (no subject)

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Wells, Lillianne

From: XNCR, Min
Sent: 25 mai 2003 22:03
To: Wells, Lillianne CABINET DU MINISTRE
Subject: FW: These are the last pictures of White Cove

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>Sent: Sunday, May 25, 2003 10:02:11 PM
>To: Min@dfo-mpo.gc.ca
>Cc: Ashraf Mahtab; Marilyn Stanton; susan@ns.sympatico.ca
>Subject: Fw: These are the last pictures of White Cove
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Dear Minister,

This is 3 of 3 emails with pictures taken of the "silt collection pond" at the White's Cove mega quarry site.

Ric & Jill Klein
Sandy Cove

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

From: "Zora Walker" <z.w@ns.sympatico.ca>
To: "ricklein" <ricklein@att.net>
Sent: Sunday, May 25, 2003 8:20 PM
Subject: These are the last pictures of White Cove

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