

Ross, Jim

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Sent: Wednesday, December 04, 2002 9:07 AM
To: Ross, Jim; Wheaton, Thomas
Cc: Donovan, Melinda
Subject: Update of Digby Neck Quarry meeting

I attended a short notice meeting on Jim's behalf yesterday afternoon. Present were:

Bill Coulter - CEAA

Chris Daly/Helen MacPhail - DOEL

Barry Jeffery - EC

Meeting was requested by DOE as they had received information the company planned to register under their EA process and Helen was told the Company had finalized the wharf design and plan to submit to NWP within the next couple of weeks. DOE wish to look at a joint review option (subject to their Ministers approval). It appears company may consider the two issues as separate projects.

Once NWP triggers CEAA, the project is on the Comp. study list Section 28(c) Construction of a marine terminal designed to handle vessels larger than 25,000 DWT.

Other possible federal triggers include DFO 35, blasting, Comm towers, explosive magazine, explosive manufacture, etc. There seemed to be general agreement that due to the size, extent, duration, environmental issues, and extensive public concern, we (DFO, AS LIKELY LEAD RA) may wish to kick the project up to a panel review.

Action: Helen to contact company in a letter explaining the ea procedures required as a first step by the company, and request they meet in a 1 window format (soon) with both federal and provincial staff to outline the requirements and explain likely time frames.

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