
News Release

**Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal Project – Joint Review Panel
The Public is Invited to Comment on the Draft Guidelines for
the Preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement**

HALIFAX, November 10, 2004 – The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and Nova Scotia Environment and Labour invite the public to comment on draft Guidelines for the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal project in Digby County.

One of the joint review panel's first responsibilities will be to finalize the draft EIS Guidelines. The Guidelines will identify the issues the proponent, Bilcon of Nova Scotia, Corporation, will be required to address in its environmental assessment of the proposed project. The Guidelines will also provide direction to the proponent on how to describe and assess these issues, and how to structure the EIS that will be submitted to the joint review panel.

Written comments on the draft Guidelines must be received by the joint review panel no later than January 21, 2005. After taking public comments into consideration, the joint review panel will finalize and issue the Guidelines to the proponent. Please forward your comments, in the official language of your choice, by mail e-mail to the following:

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The draft EIS Guidelines are available on the Web sites of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (www.ceaa-acee.gc.ca) or Nova Scotia Environment and Labour (www.gov.ns.ca/enla/eis/ca). Copies of the draft EIS Guidelines can be obtained from the following centres:

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency
1801 Hollis St., Suite 200
Halifax, NS

Nova Scotia Environment and Labour
5151 Terminal Rd., 5th floor
Halifax, NS

Nova Scotia Environment and Labour
Yarmouth District Office
13 First St.
Yarmouth, NS

Annapolis Royal Branch Library
Town Hall
285 St. George St.
Annapolis Royal, NS

Isaiah W. Wilson Memorial Library
84 Warwick St.
Digby, NS

Clean Nova Scotia
126 Portland Street
Dartmouth, NS

Ecology Action Centre
Suite 31
1568 Argyle St.
Halifax, NS

The joint review panel will soon release the procedures to be followed for the review and announce the dates for scoping meetings.

For additional information regarding the review panel process, please contact:
Steve Chapman, Panel Manager, at the address mentioned above.

Bilcon of Nova Scotia, Corporation is proposing the construction and operation of a basalt quarry, processing facility and marine terminal at Whites Point. Quarrying is expected to take place on 120 hectares of land. The land-based quarry operations are expected to be year round with approximately 40,000 tonnes of aggregate produced for ship loading each week, totalling two million tonnes per year.

To register as an interested party and to be kept informed of the panel's activities, please provide a full mailing address, an e-mail address and/or a fax number, as applicable, to the panel manager.

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For more information, media may call:

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