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FAXED

Dear Mr. Buxton:

Re: Proposed Meeting

Thank you for your letter of January 16, 2008.

Your letter clearly indicates that your primary purpose in proposing a meeting with myself and the EA Branch staff is to discuss the Whites Point Quarry decision. Neither myself, nor the department will be meeting with you to discuss the project or the decision. The Minister carefully considered the Panel Report and determined that the project poses a threat of unacceptable and significant adverse effects to the environment and therefore decided to reject the project. The Minister's decision is final, therefore further discussion on the details of the project and/or the panel report will not be productive.

I am willing to meet with you but wish to clearly convey in advance that we are not prepared to discuss the decision or the details of the panel report. We will limit our participation to hearing your concerns and providing information on the Environmental Assessment process. In order to avoid frustration by either party, I want to ensure that the nature of this meeting is well understood.

Please consider this response to your letter in lieu of our call scheduled for this afternoon. If you wish to setup a meeting please contact my assistant, Debby Shantz at (902) 424-4148.

Sincerely,

Nancy Vanstone
Deputy Minister

cc: Lorrie Roberts