

File # 2.2123.0176  
Reg. #1880

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Mr. Bren Brenton  
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Dear Mr. Brenton:

**RE: Mortier Shale Rock Quarry – Registration 1880**

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act*, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Please be advised that this undertaking is released from further environmental assessment.

The Water Resources Management Division of this Department requires that you apply for and obtain a water use licence for the use of water from any water source for any water use purpose prior to the start of this project. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-2295.

The Local Governance and Planning Division of this Department advise that a development permit is required from the Town of Burin. The proponent must submit an application for development to the Town, and no development can proceed until a permit is issued. For further information, please contact the Town of Burin at (709) 891-1760.

The Forestry Branch of the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources requires that you obtain a commercial cutting permit prior to any harvesting or timber removal activities. During the declared Fire Season (May 1<sup>st</sup> - September 30<sup>th</sup>), you must also obtain and adhere to the conditions of an operating permit. For further information, please contact the Clarenville District Office at (709) 466-7439.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) advises that proponents working in or near water are to self-assess to determine if their project requires a review by DFO. For further information, please visit the Fisheries Protection Program website at <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html> or contact the Fisheries Protection Program at (709) 772-4140.

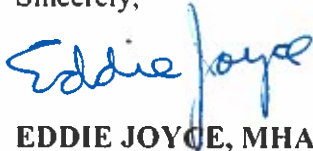
The Department of Municipal Affairs and Environment supports Environment and Climate Change Canada's recommendation that in order to avoid nest destruction and to

accommodate the breeding season of migratory songbirds and waterfowl, operations should consider nesting locations between April 15<sup>th</sup> and August 15<sup>th</sup> in this region. However, as some species protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA)* do nest outside of this time period, it is the responsibility of the proponent to ensure that project activities are in compliance with the *MCBA* and associated regulations.

Although the undertaking, as proposed, is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements. Please note that you must comply with all relevant legislation and obtain all necessary permits and approvals. You are required to inform this Department of any proposed significant changes to the undertaking.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Dr. Susan Squires, Director, Environmental Assessment Division, at (709) 729-0673.

Sincerely,



**EDDIE JOYCE, MHA**  
District of Humber-Bay of Islands  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment

Attachment