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Reg. #2103

Mr. Charles A. Parsons  
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Dear Mr. Parsons:

**Re: Foxtrap – Pasture Land Road Quarry**

The environmental preview report (EPR) that was submitted on March 24, 2021 has been reviewed by the Environmental Assessment Committee (EAC) as well as the general public, as required by the *Environmental Protection Act, SNL 2002, cE-14.2*. Upon consideration of the technical review by the EAC and comments received from the public, please be advised that the EPR is deficient and you must submit a revised EPR or an amendment to the EPR.

The revised EPR or amendment shall consider and address the following deficiencies, including but not limited to:

- The EPR did not identify any residence in proximity to the proposed quarry area, as required by the EPR guidelines.
- The sightlines into the central portion of the proposed quarry do not show cross-sections of the ground that will be quarried. Without providing an approximate cross-section of the ground that will be excavated, it is difficult to assess the potential visibility of the quarry operation or the effectiveness of the proposed screening measures. The cross-sections will necessitate that the sightlines be depicted for the entire width of the quarry. By contrast, the current sightlines into the central portion of the proposed quarry terminate at the center point of the quarry area instead of being drawn up to the southern boundary.

- The width and height of the proposed berm that would be located behind a tree screen must be specified and accurately depicted on plan maps of the quarry, and the screening effect of the berm must be illustrated on the sightlines. Constructing a stable berm greater than 10 metres high would necessitate that the berm be of significant width. You must describe the construction of the berm in sufficient detail to demonstrate that the proposed berm would have the desired screening effect and would be viable to construct.
- As stated in the EPR guidelines of January 27, 2021, where portions of the proposed quarry operation cannot be screened by tree screens or berms, you are directed to consider changes to the site development plan or footprint that would reduce the visibility of the operation. As with tree screens and berms, any changes to the site development plan or footprint must be depicted on the plan map of the proposed quarry.
- As per the EPR guidelines, you are to identify the potential effects of light pollution/dispersion as a result of the project and describe measures that will be undertaken to mitigate those effects.

If you have any question regarding the preparation of the revised/amended EPR, please contact Joanne Sweeney, Director (A) Environmental Assessment Division at (709) 729-0673 or [joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca](mailto:joannesweeney@gov.nl.ca) or Vicki Ficzero, chair of the EAC for this project, at 709-729-2822 or [vickificzero@gov.nl.ca](mailto:vickificzero@gov.nl.ca).

Sincerely,



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