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Dear Mr. McDonald:

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Re: Public Input in the Federal Environmental Assessment Process
for basalt quarry/marine terminal at White's Cove, Digby Neck

Thank you for your e-mail of April 16 indicating that the environmental assessment process has now commenced for the above project, that DFO has been identified as the lead Responsible Authority, and that DFO will establish the Public Registry.

You also stated: "I am somewhat puzzled by your message that the project description was not available from the CLC, since I understood that one of the roles of the CLC is to facilitate sharing of information between the proponent and the public." At the CLC meeting of April 9, copies of the project description were made available only to members of the CLC. The general public was informed that the project description could be viewed at the store of the Chair or the office of the Proponent. To date, to my understanding, no copies have been made available to the public.

I would like to request that the Public Registry be located in the Office of DFO in Digby. For transparency, the public must have full and ready access to all documents. The community also wants to be involved in the identification of the issues to be included in the Comprehensive Study. Kindly advise me as soon as possible of your plans to involve the public in these processes.

Very sincerely,

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