

BLACK POINT QUARRY PROJECT

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Greetings from the Black Point Quarry Project Team:

This Fall, we have been continuing our permitting efforts and communicating avidly with community members, First Nations representatives, Community Liaison Committee (CLC), regulators, and other stakeholders.

Regarding the specific permitting activities related to the Environmental Assessment and eventual Ministerial Decision, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) and Nova Scotia Environment (NSE) have received the needed information from our team to proceed with the creation of the Draft Environmental Assessment Report. The draft report was made public on December 18 and reflects the collective Federal and Provincial agencies assessments of the various components of the Project, including questions from the public and responses from the proponents and regulators. The issuance of this draft report begins the final public comment period. The report will then be finalized. CEAA and NSE will present it to their respective Ministers of the Environment who will review it and coordinate a decision on the project.

We expect the decision in April/May of 2016. In the meantime, we continue to be available for additional questions and updates as the regulators perform their duties. We remain confident this project is right for Guysborough and Nova Scotia!

As the end of the year approaches, the Black Point Quarry Team would like to wish you a happy and safe holiday season!

Sincerely,

Black Point Quarry Team

A Message from CLC Co-Chair: Mary Jurcina-Taylor

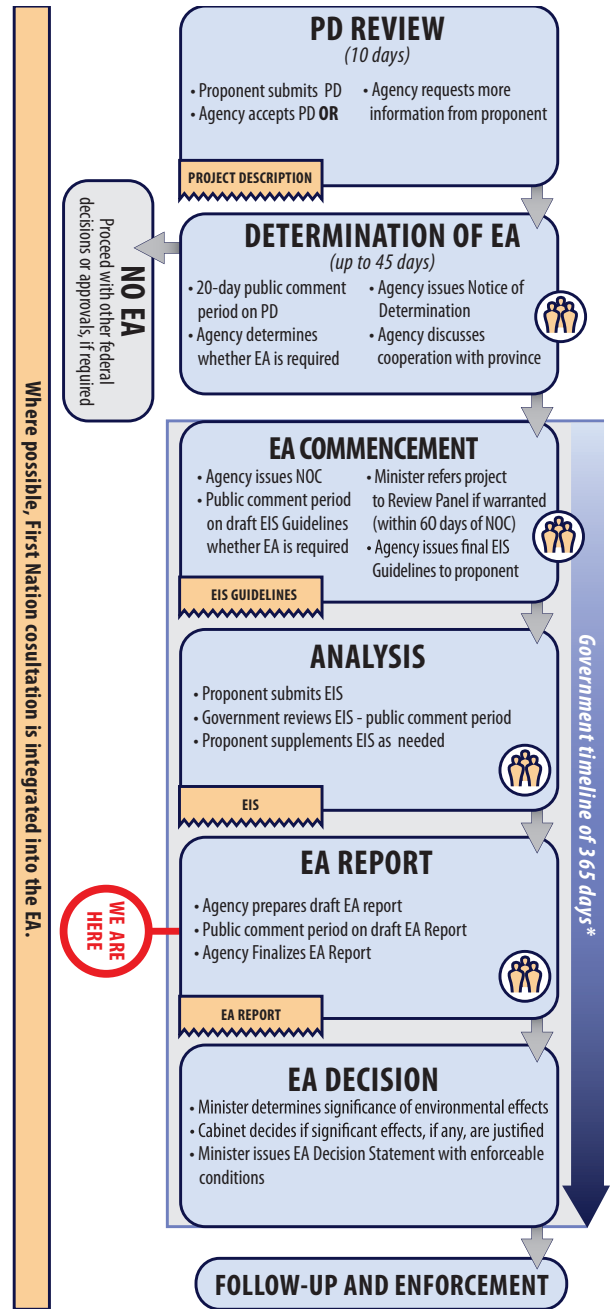
Over the past several months, we as a CLC group have met at the Queensport Fire Hall. Kudos to the Fire Hall caretakers who have hosted us with a great central location and lots of food and drink for our meetings.

During our meetings, Vulcan and Morien representatives have updated us on the processes involved. At each meeting, the team has updated us on the governmental regulatory process timeline. Also, we have been educated about the industry by the company in such matters as environmental impact and health and safety processes. It is mentionable that Vulcan's health and safety record is top among the industry and they are trailblazers in this area.

We also take time to talk about any press release communication and any concerns in our community. All of our concerns have been addressed in the past and I would anticipate that any future concern would receive the same treatment. In closing, the CLC makes itself available to the community for any comment, please contact any one of us at your leisure.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Mary



- EA: Environmental Assessment
- EIS: Environmental Impact Statement
- PD: Project Description
- NOC: Notice of Commencement
- Public Participation Opportunity
- Deliverable

* With possibility of extension
Timelines do not include time required by the proponent to provide information

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CLC October 2015 Meeting – A Review

At each meeting, the Black Point Quarry Community Liaison Committee (CLC) invites a subject matter expert to present to the group. During the recent October 14, 2015 meeting at the Queensport Fire Hall, Kelly Bailey, Senior Science Advisor - Occupational Health, from Vulcan Materials Company, addressed dust and noise health concerns.

The two-hour meeting focused on crystalline silica, more commonly referred to as sand, and silicosis. Kelly explained to the CLC that silicosis is solely an occupational disease that can only be contracted by consistent and significant high exposure levels to respirable silica over ten or more years. He explained what respirable silica dust does when it enters the respiratory tract. He also addressed the controversial link between silica and lung cancer. Many health scientists believe that a person must contract silicosis before there is a risk of lung cancer. Therefore, preventing silicosis is a priority.

Vulcan Materials Company exercises extreme caution and has engineered sophisticated environmental measures to control dust particles. The occupational exposure limit for silica in Nova Scotia is ¼ the limit in the US which will necessitate even more diligent exposure controls at the proposed Black Point Quarry operation. The quarry has approximately 30% silica in the rock, however, Vulcan has successfully operated sandstone quarries containing 80% silica without exposure problems. He shared Vulcan's federally mandated compliance data for dust and noise which exhibits the Company's performance and rates it in comparison to the industry as a whole.

Vulcan has been nationally recognized by the US Department of Labor for being a leader in silicosis prevention and by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the National Hearing Conservation Association in 2013 for Excellence in Hearing Conservation. Kelly shared several projects that Vulcan has worked on in partnership with the government to further protection and improve measurement of hazardous exposures to workers. The presentation ended with a question and answer section.

For more information on this presentation, please email roacha@vmcmail.com

Recent BPQ Community Outreach

Project update and presentation to Mining Society of Nova Scotia	June 19
CEAA Meeting	July 8
Benefits discussion with Mi'kmaq KMKNO	July 8
Supported fundraiser event for Chedabucto Lifestyle Centre	July 9
Provided update on the project at annual Superport Days Conference in Halifax	July 9
Benefits discussion with Mi'kmaq KMKNO	July 14
Queensport Mackerel Derby	August 8
CEAA Meeting	August 11
Project update and presentation to Mining Association of Nova Scotia	September 6
Community Liaison Committee (CLC) Meeting	October 14
Meeting with Office of Aboriginal Affairs	October 15
Meeting with Mi'kmaq Conservation Group	October 16
CEAA Meeting	October 16
Benefits discussion with Mi'kmaq KMKNO	November 16
Department of Natural Resources Meeting	November 18
Mining Society of Nova Scotia Annual Conference	November 19

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