January 27, 2017

Dear [Redacted]:

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [Our file # ENV/002/2017]

On January 6, 2017 the Department of Environment and Climate Change received your request for access to the following records/information:

"All environmental (e.g. noise quality, surface/ground water quality, air/dust quality, blasting, habitat, etc.) impact assessment reports concerning the operation of the Atlantic Mineral limestone quarry located in Lower Cove, NL for the last 10 years. This would include any regular environmental assessments conducted by the Government of NL to understand and evaluate the quarry's environmental impact."

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister of the Department of Environment and Climate Change to grant access to the requested information. All records related to your request are available on the departmental website. See below for details and links.

Atlantic Minerals Limited was required to register proposals for mineral exploration activities in accordance with the Environmental Assessment Regulations. The registration document for Reg. #1779 and public notice of its withdrawal can be found on our departmental website:


The registration document for Reg. #1840, along with appendices and the Minister’s letter releasing that project from further environmental assessment can also be found on our departmental website:


Section 42 of the Act provides that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your access request or you may appeal to the Supreme Court Trial Division. A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner.
The address and contact information of the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2 Canada Drive
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John’s, NL
A1B 3V8
Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

In the event that you choose to appeal to the Trial Division, you must do so within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act.

Please be advised that this response will be published following a 72 hour period after it is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the response posted to the Office of Public Engagement's website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

If you have any further questions, I can be reached by telephone at (709) 729-1589 or by e-mail at nicolerowsell@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

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