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Bonnie Miles-Dunn
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Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal
1672 Granville Street
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Dear Ms. Miles-Dunn:

**Re: Environmental Assessment – Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal
Highway 107 Burnside to Bedford Project, Halifax County, Nova Scotia**

The environmental assessment of the proposed Highway 107 Burnside to Bedford Project in Halifax County, Nova Scotia has been completed.

This letter is to advise that, pursuant to Section 13(1)(a) of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, I have determined that the Registration Document provided is insufficient to allow me to make a decision, and that I require additional information. Specifically, the review determined that the following additional information is required in order to evaluate potential environmental effects that may be caused by the undertaking:

- Provide updated baseline information on fish and fish habitat including Atlantic Whitefish (*Coregonus huntsmani*) at Anderson Lake; and
- Based on the updated baseline information, develop appropriate mitigation measures accordingly (where applicable including but not limited to a discussion of highway alignment and/or design options) to mitigate potential project related impacts on Atlantic Whitefish and Anderson Lake. Where applicable, provide also updated baseline information and impact analysis regarding all relevant valued environmental components.

This information must be submitted by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal within one year, as an addendum to the original Registration Document. Upon submission of the information, I will have 50 days to make my decision.

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If you have any questions regarding this decision, please contact Helen MacPhail, Supervisor, Environmental Assessment Branch, at (902) 483-2696 or via email at Helen.MacPhail@novascotia.ca.

Sincerely,



Iain Rankin, MLA
Minister of Environment

c: Helen MacPhail