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[craig@spenceaggregates.ca](mailto:craig@spenceaggregates.ca)

Dear Andrew Spence:

**RE: Environmental Assessment – Spence Aggregates Quarry Expansion Project, Hants County**

The environmental assessment of the proposed Spence Aggregates Quarry Expansion Project in Hants County, Nova Scotia has been completed.

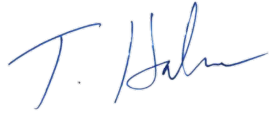
This letter is to advise that I have approved the above project in accordance with Section 40 of the Nova Scotia *Environment Act*, S.N.S., 1994-95 and subsection 13(1)(b) of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*, N.S. Reg. 348/2022, made under the Act. Following a review of the information provided by Spence Aggregates Limited, and the information provided by the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia, and the public during consultation on the environmental assessment, I am satisfied that any adverse effects or significant environmental effects of the undertaking can be adequately mitigated through compliance with the attached terms and conditions.

Please be advised that you will need to apply for an amendment to the current operating approval for the site (i.e., Approval #2007-056319-02). See attached list of the types of information required at the Industrial Approval stage and contact your Business Relationship Manager, Paula Francis at [Paula.Francis@novascotia.ca](mailto:Paula.Francis@novascotia.ca) to confirm what other approvals may apply to your project.

In your Environmental Assessment Registration Document, you identified Species at Risk and/or their habitat within the Study Area. It is important that you work with the Department of Natural Resources to address or mitigate impacts such that your project meets requirements under provincial and federal legislation related to Species at Risk.

If you have any questions regarding the approval of this project, please contact Bridget Tutty, Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch, at (902) 452-7891 or via email at [Bridget.Tutty@novascotia.ca](mailto:Bridget.Tutty@novascotia.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Halman', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Honourable Timothy Halman, MLA  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
Encl.

cc.

Bridget Tutty, Environment and Climate Change  
Paula Francis, Environment and Climate Change

## Requirements for Pit and Quarry projects after an environmental assessment approval is received

In addition to an environmental assessment approval for a pit or quarry over 4 hectares, proponents will need a new (or updated) Industrial Approval under Part V of the *Environment Act* to construct and operate their project.

Components of an Industrial Approval application may include:

- A Surface Water Management Plan
- A Groundwater Management Plan
- An Erosion and Sedimentation and Control Plan
- A Rehabilitation Plan
- Information on project design and environmental mitigations

Industrial Approvals for a pit or quarry typically include conditions regarding:

- Protection of surface water, groundwater and drinking water wells
- Public complaints
- Spill protection
- Noise and Air Quality Guidelines compliance
- Blasting (if applicable)

Proponents may also require other approvals from the Inspection Compliance and Enforcement Division of ECC. A Business Relationship Manager, together with your Environmental Assessment Officer, will reach out to schedule an environmental assessment follow up meeting.

More Information on Business Relationship managers can be found here: [Business Relationship Managers brochure - Government of Nova Scotia](#), and you can contact them directly at:

Lynda Weatherby: [Lynda.Weatherby@novascotia.ca](mailto:Lynda.Weatherby@novascotia.ca) 902-680-6168

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