



**Environment and Climate Change
Office of the Minister**

PO Box 442, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada B3J 2P8 • Telephone 902-424-3736 • novascotia.ca

File number: PNS-41027-T9B6V4-40100-30-341

March 20, 2024

Dirk Lesko, President
Irving Shipbuilding Inc.
3099 Barrington Street
PO Box 9110
Halifax, NS B3K 5M7
c/o ragan.james@irvingshipbuilding.com

Dear Dirk Lesko:

RE: Environmental Assessment – Temporary Material Staging Facility, Halifax County

The environmental assessment of the proposed Temporary Material Staging Facility Project in Halifax 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 Irving Shipbuilding Inc, and the information provided by 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 and with consideration of other required approvals, licenses or permits.

In your Environmental Assessment Registration Document, you outlined your approach to dilute and discharge runoff from the project. Please be advised that this project will require additional approvals under Part V of the *Environment Act*. Decisions regarding such approvals will be made based on the information provided at the time of application while applying the *Environment Act* and relevant regulations. It will be important that you work with Nova Scotia Environment and Climate Change staff to address and mitigate any impacts resulting from contaminants, which may include treatment of effluent prior to discharge into Halifax Harbour.

..../2

For questions related to any Part V Approvals required as part of this project, please contact Lynda Weatherby, Business Relationship Manager, at (902)- 902-717-3170 or via email at lynda.weatherby@novascotia.ca.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Halman".

Honourable Timothy Halman, MLA
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

Encl.

cc: James Ragan, Irving Shipbuilding
Bridget Tutty, Environment and Climate Change
Lynda Weatherby, Environment and Climate Change