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**Re: Startup of the Recovery Boiler and Commencement of the Commissioning Phase of the New Electrostatic Precipitator**

Dear Ms. Fraser:

Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation's commissioning plan is approved with the understanding that the commissioning phase for the new electrostatic precipitator is anticipated to be completed October 16, 2015. Based on the approved commissioning plan and the results of the site inspection completed by Departmental staff, Nova Scotia Environment authorizes Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation to start up the recovery boiler and commence the commissioning of the new electrostatic precipitator. Appropriate measures shall be taken to minimize emissions during the commissioning phase.

Also, as a reminder, Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation shall provide written notice to the Department:

- Immediately following start-up of both the Recovery Boiler and commencement of the commissioning;
- Immediately upon the completion of the commissioning phase of the new Electrostatic Precipitator on the recovery boiler, which will trigger the requirement for compliance source testing to be completed within 30 days.

In the meantime, we look forward to weekly updates pertaining to the commissioning of the new precipitator. Please ensure that each weekly update includes an estimated completion date for commissioning.

Nova Scotia Environment may take action available under the authority of the Environment Act if any issues arise during the commissioning phase of the new precipitator.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marc Theriault or myself at (902) 396-4194.

Regards,

Penny McLeod  
District Manager

cc: Northern Regional Director, Paul Keats