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Ken MacLean and Harold Johnson
Vice Presidents
Envirosoil Limited, Municipal Group of Companies
927 Rocky Lake Drive
Bedford, NS B4A 3Z2

Dear Ken MacLean and Harold Johnson:

RE: Environmental Assessment – Envirosoil Limited – Waste Oil Recycling and Water Treatment Facility - Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

The environmental assessment of the Additional Information Addendum for the Waste Oil Recycling and Water Treatment Facility has been completed.

The Additional Information Addendum presents a substantial change to the project, such that treated water will now be discharged to the Halifax Harbour, not the Halifax Regional Municipal sanitary sewer system. This change has not been thoroughly assessed, particularly the potential impacts of the project to the marine environment and proposed measures and monitoring programs to mitigate these effects.

While the decision on the Environmental Assessment Registration Document made on May 28, 2021, required additional information on waste acceptance, sources and contaminants, treatment capabilities, discharge volumes, frequencies, sampling and analysis programs, and applicable criteria to be met prior to discharge, this information was not clearly or adequately provided. There remain concerns that without a coherent program to identify, monitor and/or treat all potential contaminants in the incoming waste materials, the result may be adverse impacts to the marine environment.

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This letter is to advise that, pursuant to Section 13 (1)(a) of the Environmental Assessment Regulations, I have determined that a review of the information provided is insufficient to allow a decision, and that I require additional information to evaluate the potential environmental effects that may be caused by the undertaking. Additional information must be provided regarding the nature and scope of confirmatory waste and effluent sampling, treatment system capabilities for all applicable contaminants and compounds, and effluent management during project commissioning and operation (e.g., pressure testing and maintenance/cleaning). An assessment of the potential effects of the revised project on the marine environment must also be provided and should consider environmental baseline information, identification of impacts, mitigation measures, and monitoring programs.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T. Halman', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Honourable Tim Halman, MLA
Minister of Environment and Climate Change

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c: Helen MacPhail, Environment and Climate Change