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Clean Pictou Air
c/o PO Box 4810
126 Front Street
Pictou, Nova Scotia
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Dear Clean Pictou Air:

Re: Notice of Appeal Form Dated April 8, 2015 – Industrial Approval for Pulp Mill Operated by Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation Approval No. 2011-076657-A01

I am writing regarding your Notice of Appeal Form dated April 8, 2015 respecting the decision of an Administrator to issue Approval No. 2011-076657-AOI for the operation of a bleached kraft pulp mill at 260 Granton Abercrombie Road, Abercrombie Point, Nova Scotia.

After careful review of the "grounds for appeal", the information you submitted in support of your appeal, and the applicable statutory provisions, your appeal has been:

Denied.

The reasons for the decision are as follows:

- Approval 2011-076657-AOI represents Nova Scotia Environment's position for the effective protection of the health and socio-economic welfare of its citizens and businesses based on section 9 of the terms and conditions "Ambient Air and Air Emissions".
- Based on the research undertaken by Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation and Nova Scotia Environment, the monitoring stations are based on years' worth of dispersion modeling. The suggestion from both Northern Pulp Nova Scotia Corporation and Nova Scotia Environment was to include two monitoring stations which would adequately represent predominant readings of contaminants. This is consistent with industry standard practice of measuring ambient air.

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Two of the grounds were not specific to the Industrial Approval being appealed. With respect to these, I'd like to share the following:

- In your submission, you provided a suggestion to create and publish an administrative environmental penalty framework. Independent of this Industrial Approval, I'd like to share with you that Nova Scotia Environment is proposing to make changes to the Environment Act. Currently, a discussion document is available for comment at the following link
<http://novascotia.ca/nse/dept/administrative-penalties.asp>

- A new website launched by Nova Scotia Environment provides access to hourly measurements of ambient air pollutants in Nova Scotia.
<http://www.novascotia.ca/nse/airdata/>

- The public can currently apply for access to enforcement data by way of application through the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.
<http://novascotia.ca/tran/hottopics/FOIPOP.asp>

Pursuant to Section 138 of the Environment Act, you have thirty (30) days to appeal my decision to the Supreme Court.

Sincerely,

Randy Delorey, MLA
Minister of Environment