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Dear Mr. Simon:

Re: Notice of Appeal Form Dated October 11, 2011

Industrial Approval to Operate and Reclaim a Conventional Petroleum Exploration Well granted to Petroworth Resources Incorporated

Margaree Environmental Association

I am writing regarding your Notice of Appeal Form dated October 11, 2011, respecting the Margaree Environmental Association's appeal of the Industrial Approval granted by Nova Scotia Environment to operate and reclaim a conventional petroleum exploration well in West Lake Ainslie.

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:

Dismissed

Allowed

All grounds as described in the Notice of Appeal Form (NAF) filed with the department on October 11, 2011, and described in more detail in your October 18, 2011, letter were carefully considered.

On the ground of lack of "procedural fairness," the file shows that the department, regardless of the originator of correspondence, telephone calls or other inquires on this matter, completely dealt with all inquiries in a timely manner; shared all information relevant to inquires within the rules of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPOP); and did consider, and incorporate, community input into the terms and conditions of the Approval.

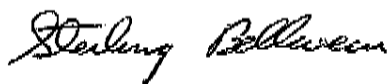
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On the "substantive grounds" brought by your appeal, the file shows that the department did thoroughly consider the location and nature of the proposed activity and granted an Approval with the necessary terms and conditions to protect the environment and human health from any potential adverse effects.

Finally, on the ground that the District Manager was without jurisdiction to grant an Approval to the Approval Holder, the file shows that the District Manager was, and is, formally delegated the Minister's power for this purpose.

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

Sincerely,



Sterling Belliveau
Minister

c: Mr. Neal Mednick, Petroworth Resources Inc.