



June 26, 2012

File: PR-105809

Mr. Warren Jones  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Cowichan Valley Regional District  
175 Ingram Street  
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Dear Mr. Jones:

Re: South Island Aggregates Application for an Authorization to Discharge Waste

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We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated June 18, 2012 sent on behalf of the Board of the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD) requesting an extension of the Public Consultation period until November 30, 2012.

Even though the Public Consultation process was initiated on May 10, 2012, South Island Aggregate (SIA) application is still under consideration as of today, June 26, 2012. Additionally, the request made by Dr. Bruce Fraser, Director of electoral Area B of the CVRD, to hold a public meeting on the SIA application following the proponent's Open House of May 31, 2012 has effectively extended the Public Consultation period as the outcomes of that meeting will have to be included in the Consultation Report.

Considering the above information and the fact that the latest draft Technical Assessment Report is not yet available for review, it is very likely that the consultation period will remain open for some time yet.

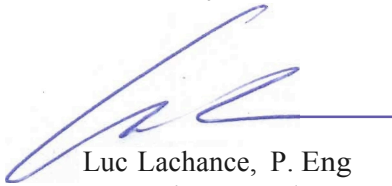
In regards to the CVRD Board request for a moratorium on the SIA application, the Ministry of Environment (MoE) has no legal authority to place a moratorium on applications and has a legal obligation to consider the application from SIA.

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MoE will continue to consider requests received from stakeholders, and seek further clarification as needed to ensure the concerns can be addressed through the application process that is currently underway.

Please do not hesitate to contact me as needed at 250 751-7245.

Yours truly,



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