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Dear Ms. Pugh:

Thank you for your letter of January 13, 2003 regarding an extension to the environmental assessment process for the proposed Highway 101, Digby to Weymouth North project in order to complete season-specific archaeological work.

Pursuant to Section 20(2) of the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*, I am granting an extension of one year to the two year period for the preparation of the draft Environmental Assessment Report to allow the Department of Transportation and Public Works to complete relevant studies. The new deadline for the draft Environmental Assessment report is March 1, 2004.

With personal regards,

Original Signed By

Ronald S. Russell, CD  
Minister  
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cc: C. Daly