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**Subject:** Proposed CGC Inc. Fundy Gypsum, Millers Creek Mine Extension - Environmental Assessment

I am writing to object to the extremely short time allowed for the public to provide comments on the Fundy Gypsum environmental assessment registration document. Given the length (almost 800 pages) and the complexity of the document, it is unfair to expect the general public to be able to read and analyze it, and provide useful comments within a two-week period. This is particularly true in the rural context where many people do not have access to high speed Internet and must travel to a library or other public building just to view the document. In addition, from a municipal government perspective, the short time line does not take into account the meeting schedule of municipal councils where the regular session of council is held once a month. Even assuming a council meeting falls within the two-week period, there is not enough time for municipal staff to review the information and prepare a report, or for council to hold an informed discussion.

I would respectfully request that an extension be granted of at least 30 days to allow a reasonable amount of time for interested persons to review the document and submit comments.

Thank you.

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