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April 25, 2018

Mitchell Shnier
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RE: Proposed Hydro-Electric Generating Station at Bala Falls

Dear Mr. Shnier,

Thank you for your letter of March 20, 2018, in which you shared your concerns regarding the dumping of blast rock into the Moon River.

I understand that you are concerned about the dumping of fine particulate matter directly into the Moon River and the destruction of fish habitat. The placement of the rock into the Moon River falls under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF). Should you have concerns regarding the possibility of a resource violation related to MNRF approvals, I encourage you to contact the MNRF TIPS line at 1-877-847-7667.

I have been in contact with staff of the MNRF regarding your concerns. I am pleased to advise that MNRF staff inspected the Bala Falls worksite in late March and informed me that at the time of their inspection the downstream temporary cofferdam work was consistent with the approvals provided under the Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act. The authorized work includes the design of the temporary downstream cofferdam using sea containers and temporary placement of rock rubble.

Also, I am sure that you have observed that in water work was suspended by CRT Construction as of March 31, 2018 as required by the condition of the MNRF work permit.

Please feel free to contact staff of the MNRF regarding any further concerns that you may have regarding the construction of the cofferdam and temporary placement of the rock rubble.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Teske".

Tom Teske
Senior Environmental Officer

Barrie District Office

cc: Cindy Hood
Anne Collins/Kate Reinhart, MNRF