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To:-

The Company of Rust Associates,
Consulting Engineers.

Sirs:

The following is respectfully submitted on behalf of the permanent and summer residents of Pictou Landing also those who reside near this area.

Boat Harbour is located at Pictou Landing and this area receives more than their share of this pollution.

Reasons why this pollution should be cleaned up and also controlled and history leading to this pollution.

1. When Scott Maritime Pulp Ltd decided to locate at Abercrombie the Nova Scotia Water Authority told the Pulp Co. that they would be responsible for the piping of the effluent from the mill across the East River to Pictou Landing at Boat Harbour, also the building of the two dams in Boat Harbour as part of their pollution set up.

Mr W. C. Miller, Vice President and General Manager of Scott Maritime Pulp Ltd told me personally that his company had nothing to do with the effluent after it left the mill.

2. Property owners of land around Boat Harbour whose land was to be expropriated were not notified in any way, notification should have come by registered mail, we were

made known of the facts when it was found that a map was recorded in the Recorder of Deeds, Office, Pictou, showing the land taken.

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Meetings were held at Pictou Landing beginning in 1965. These meetings were largely attended and the Chairman of Nova Scotia Water Authority attended these meetings also other speakers.

4. It appears we were not told correct facts at these meetings. First we were told that there would be no air pollution from the mill, that we would have no polluted water in Boat Harbour, next was that the water running out of Boat Harbour would not harm the bathing beaches outside the harbour, and everyone can see what has happened. Then we were told by Mr. A. F. Wigglesworth at that time Chairman of the Water Authority that aerators would be placed in Boat Harbour but Mr. E. L. L. Rowe was appointed the new chairman of the Nova Scotia Water Authority he told at our meeting that no aerators would be put in as the cost would be too high. Next we were told that it would not hurt the lobster industry but we know the results, then the foam, Boat Harbour was polluting the beaches outside the harbour.

5. The owners of property around Boat Harbour were offered only \$10.00 an acre, except the Indians of the Reservation were given \$60,000. My land borders on the Indian

.. Reservation. I asked Mr. Rive why they were given this amount and he said for fishing rights lost. The people of Pictou Landing, Hillside, and Trenton also did their fishing here.

6. Pollution was an issue that they tried to make a hush, hush, affair. All that was seen put in the papers was given to them by the Government, Water Authority and Scott Paper all a one sided story.

7. In October 1968 an extension was added at the lower dam to stop the foam this worked out but only in the calm water, when it got to the waters of Northumberland Strait with the rough water the foam was still there.

8. Pictou Landing is in the middle of air pollution, with the winds down the harbour we get air pollution from Scott Paper then with the winds east we again get pollution this time from Boat Harbour the fumes are really terrible almost unbearable. Then we get water pollution coming down the East River from leaks in the pipe across from the Scott Paper Co. to Pictou Landing. Then water pollution from Boat Harbour when the tide is coming up and runs up along the Lighthouse Beach and into Pictou Harbour. This coloured water with foam spoils the swimming on many occasions. Then foam from the end of the pipe line from Scott Paper to Boat Harbour is an open ditch, being left this way is sure another reason why

The countryside is so badly polluted.

9. Many property owners have had the paint turning black on their homes, and then peel off.
10. Then another serious matter from this pollution at Port Harbour is the plague we have of mosquitoes and flies of various sizes (not house flies). We never had this situation before, only bothered with some mosquitoes. Now it is so serious it is impossible at most times to sit outside on summer evenings. When the doors are opened the houses are filled with these insects. Hordes of these insects cover the windows that it is impossible to see out. Everyone has their basements full of mosquitoes and some are still there in the spring.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the permanent and summer residents, also those who reside near this area.

Dated at Pictou Landing this 24th Day of March,
A.D., 1970.

Per: Henry G. Ferguson,
Councillor for Pictou Landing