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Last evening I sent my submission to NS Environment. I am not very articulate but tried my best and to be honest was overwhelmed by all Northern Pulps pages of their focus report. I did my best under the circumstances and here is a copy of what I submitted for what it is. Steve MacFarlane

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2. The fact that they cannot determine the exact contents and amounts thereof of the effluent until after the system is up and running is like closing the gate after all the horses have left the property so to speak as the damage will be irreversible.

3. There is no way in a lab in Sweden (or wherever) can they realistically create the water flow and dispersment of the effluent with the rise and fall of the tides in Caribou Harbour. How much effluent will be backwashed into the Harbour which is prime rockcrab and oyster waters.

4. How can NPNS say there will be no effects on the prime lobster fishing grounds along with all the other species in the outfall area (herring etc) without knowing exactly what they are pumping. This is a definite unknown and proper fishery studies should be done for this area.

5. The new system is going to be built adjacent to or partially on Canso Chemical property which contains mercury (and lots of it) in the bedrock

which could possibly trigger the mercury to leach into Pictou Harbour.

6. This new system supposedly is going to remove the sludge which shall be supposedly burned in the power boiler which means more toxins coming from the stacks than there is now (which is bad enough now to make your eyes water and take your breath away) and with no proper ambient air testing in proper locations not like the one in Pictou hidden away at the fisheries school in which direction the wind rarely blows.

7. This mill was built in 1967 with technologies from the late 1950s and early 1960s. It was built with a life expectancy of 25 years. It has plundered along for twice that plus with only patchwork done to keep it going and most of this was done with taxpayers money just like the 6 million given to them by us to do the study for this. The province is billions in debt but still giving money to a billionaire company and that's not fair to us the taxpayer

8. In closing I would like to say that this to me is like owning a behemoth severe oil burning 58 Edsel and putting a shiny new muffler on it thinking its going to cure the problem. Thank you for hearing me. This application by NPNS concerns me greatly about the environmental effects it may create.

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