

Hollett, Jason  
Mar 12 (3 days ago)  
to Helen, me  
Mr. Ritchie,

Thank you for your February 25th letter regarding CO2 emissions from the NSPI biomass boiler in Point Tupper. I appreciate the amount of research and work you completed in drafting and supporting the arguments you presented.

Transitioning Nova Scotia to a sustainable energy future is something we take very seriously. This is reflected in the legislative and regulatory framework in place now that has resulted in Nova Scotia being a national leader in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions. This includes our hard caps on GHG emissions from the electricity sector, renewable energy requirements and energy efficiency programming. We are also committed to go further with the development of a cap and trade program in the province.

With respect to emissions from the combustion of biomass, Nova Scotia follows nationally and internationally accepted accounting standards for GHG emissions measurement as well as for the classification of biomass as a renewable energy source. The department of Energy's Renewable Energy regulations also includes requirements for biomass that has been harvested in a sustainable manner.

We appreciate that as the science improves and as evidence is compiled, standards of practice need to change. At this time we are satisfied that the current standards represent accepted practices, but will continue to monitor developments in this field as they occur.

Thank you again for your work and your correspondence.

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Subject: CO2 emissions from NSPI biomass boiler at Point Tupper, NS

Please find the attached document titled, Letter to Jason Hollett et. al., along with four other PDF documents in support of this letter. If you have any questions or concerns, or if these documents fail to transmit completely, please contact me at this email address.