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Subject: RE: IPP Inspection Team - update

Jennifer:

I just got word from Harrison Hydro construction site that the inspection team will be larger now, and with more new people who may not have been to this type of site before, plus the Conservation Officer can't make the 30th of October so now wants to have a whole tour for himself on the 29th in addition to a repeat tour for the other people the next day.

On the face of it, I must object to this approach, which seems very uncoordinated and time consuming with a still-uncertain purpose.

On our end, we have to align numerous people to show this team around and notify the contractor who has active construction going on, we are all modifying our schedules and the contractor may have to modify their activities for safety reasons.

Could we discuss this sooner rather than the 28th? We still don't know the purpose of these visits, and some people on the inspection team (last time they came out two weeks ago) were making comments on how to conduct our environmental monitoring that are uninformed and clearly not familiar with construction requirements.

In frustration, I once again come around to the question of: what is the point of requiring an independent Environmental Monitor reporting on a weekly basis to government? This is an expert person who knows the sites intimately, along with all the required regulations, permits, and Best Management Practices, who is in a far better position to fill in checklists and answer questions.

I also want to ask why, if the Ministry wants something useful out of this exercise, you don't consider auditing your independent Environmental Monitor, and/or providing a reporting process for the Monitor that satisfies agency needs.

In other words, I would appreciate some communication sooner rather than later, as our contractor and site environmental supervisors are now very concerned about time versus usefulness of the exercise.

I tried calling your office but understand

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A call today or tomorrow would be

most helpful, if at all possible,
Thanks
Jackie