

Sheralee Mitchell-MacEwan

From: Jesse Hulsman
Sent: February 13, 2026 2:20 PM
To: Kim Ramsay
Cc: Sheralee Mitchell-MacEwan
Subject: Response that can be posted with warning

Hi Folks,

Upon receiving the written warning from the Department of Fisheries & Oceans on January 13, 2026 staff have been reviewing to understand the interpretations of regulations of the officer issuing the warning and the timeline of events in question. Staff have come to the conclusion that a warning was not warranted and issued a request in writing on February 4, 2026 to have the warning retracted. The issuing officer confirmed receipt of the request to retract the warning on February 13, 2026 and mentioned they would consider the request.

Ultimately the request sent is summarized in the last paragraph of the correspondence;

“After receiving the written warnings on January 13, 2026, municipal staff would like request for you to reconsider the violation of subsection 19.1 (a), as reporting the exceedance during a scheduled site visit, within hours after the exceedance was detected, to an inspector, should fulfill the reporting requirement. Furthermore, to have on record that the chlorine exceedance was a result of an investigation into the July 9, 2025 acutely lethal fish test, which was within compliance by end of day. There was no intent to conceal information, and that we have been actively working with you to address Lagoon compliance requirements since Spring 2025.”

East Hants has been working diligently on the Lagoon in the past year, now having completed 2 sludge dredging events on Cell 1 to improve overall performance of the lagoon. This current fiscal staff will be working to plan subsequent maintenance events for Cell 2 and Cell 3 for the coming years, along with responding to comments or conditions that may be documented through the next approval to operate that is issued by Nova Scotia Environment & Climate Change. That request for an updated approval to operate was submitted in December 2025.



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