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## Chronology

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Here's a chronology of the discussions that have taken place between the provincial government and Dyno Nobel.

April 22, 2002 -<na;nm> A memo to the Department of Natural Resources and Energy says the reason Dyno Nobel had to relocate to the Hanwell Road is that the owner of land near its former site refused to renew a lease for them to pass over his land. Also, the company wanted to upgrade its facilities, but couldn't meet federal requirements at the old location.

Local Dyno Nobel representative Dwight Morehouse goes to Service New Brunswick looking for suitable areas within a 50-kilometre radius of the old plant. The company had decided to apply for the Yoho Lake site and create two detonator storage magazines containing 25,000 kilograms each of explosives.

The Yoho site is less than one km from a provincial Scouts camp that hosts 1, 400 campers and staff annually.

June 17, 2002 -<na;nm> Natural Resources and Energy Department forester Mike Bartlett sends an e-mail message to Darlene Cole, project manager, saying that the radius for the first set of sites was within 50 km of Fredericton. Morehouse says that's too far away to comply with travel times that the federal government imposed on him.

June 17, 2002 -<na;nm> Barlett sends an e-mail message to another Natural Resources employee saying Dyno Nobel is putting together a proposal to search for a new site within 25 km of Fredericton and exploring two potential options on government-owned land.

July 8, 2002 -<na;nm> Barlett sends an e-mail message to Darlene Cole, project manager within Natural Resources and Energy, asking if it's the department's job to find a site for Dyno Nobel or if the company is to find the site and the department provide the review.

Either way, Bartlett tells her, he has maps showing all the potential sites on Crown land that have a 1,000-metre setback from all private ownership; 435 metres from numbered highways; and 235 metres from unnumbered highways. Bartlett says he'll show the sites to Dyno Nobel.

July 10, 2002 -<na;nm> Natural Resources and Energy Minister Jeannot Volpe sends out replies to residents inquiring about the status of Dyno Nobel and says the company has decided to relocate away from the Hanwell Road.

"The move will take place as expeditiously as

possible, but due to the process involved, it may take some time," the minister writes.

Volpe says site selection is underway and the department has identified some possible Crown land sites for consideration.

July 24, 2002 -<na;nm> The natural resources minister sends a registered letter to Walter Bawol, Maritimes manager of Dyno Nobel. The minister tells Bawol that the company has to meet an Aug. 31 deadline to submit a relocation site that satisfies all parties.

Volpe says failure to meet the deadline will result in a Crown land site being designated by this department or in a request to relocate to freehold land.

Aug. 30, 2002 -<na;nm> Bawol has a letter hand-delivered to Pam Breau, assistant deputy minister of corporate services, addressed to Volpe. Bawol says Morehouse met with the department July 8 to review proposed sites, but the locations were not deemed suitable. Other possible locations were discussed.

"One of these locations, along with one of our present sites, has very good potential in meeting our requirements," Bawol says.

He says Dyno Nobel needs to talk money with the government and wants compensation for all the costs associated with the site relocation.

Sept. 16, 2002 -<na;nm> Dyno Nobel tells the government it plans to store 50, 000 kg of explosives in one location and 40,000 kg in another location.

Oct. 31, 2002 -<na;nm> Kim Eaton, of the Department of Natural Resources, sends an e-mail message to the department's communications director Robert Duguay and says there's no news to report. The government is still reviewing possible options and awaiting information from Dyno Nobel.

Nov. 8, 2002 -<na;nm> Dyno Nobel faxes a message to Breau, saying it's using a real estate agent to try to find a proper private property to store explosives. The company tells the government that no suitable location has been found.

"We will continue our search for approximately one month," the fax to government states.

Dyno Nobel says its staff is continuing to work with government on a possible site location with Crown lands branch.

