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Mr. Glen Semenchuk  
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Dear Mr. Semenchuk:

Thank you for your October 5, 2009 letter regarding the Cumulative Environmental Management Association's recommendations on the management of air contaminants in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and supporting report "*Final Recommendations for the Management of Air Contaminants Emissions in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo*".

The Air Contaminant Management Framework for the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo, as outlined in the report, provides an approach to the management of industrial emissions to the atmosphere that do not have provincial air quality objectives, and/or are not managed according to other regional or provincial frameworks adopted by the Government of Alberta. The recommended approach has been carefully reviewed by Alberta Environment, Sustainable Resource Development and Energy and we are pleased to advise that we support, in principle, the report and its implementation.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the Cumulative Environmental Management Association - Trace Metals and Air Contaminants working group for all their hard work and effort on this initiative.

Sincerely,



Jim Ellis  
Deputy Minister

cc: Peter Watson, Deputy Minister, Energy  
Eric McGhan, Deputy Minister, Sustainable Resource Development

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