



May 18, 2001

Hans Peterson
Safe Drinking Water Foundation
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Dear Mr. Peterson:

Thank you for inviting me to attend the Safe Drinking Water Foundation's conference held on May 7, 2001. It is regrettable that I was unable to attend the conference. I understand, however, that the Honourable Pat Atkinson, in her capacity as Vice-Chair of the Saskatchewan Water Corporation Board, attended and provided opening remarks.

I have also learned that some very important presentations took place concerning ground and surface water contamination and that several First Nations representatives provided insight into the water situations on reserve. Although Aboriginal Affairs is not involved directly with water issues, I am very interested in the concerns raised at the conference and will work closely with my provincial counterparts to find solutions.

I commend you and the Foundation for the work you are doing to raise awareness about safe drinking water. I wish you all the best with your future endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Pat Lorjé".

Pat Lorjé
Minister