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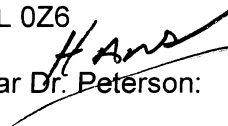
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Dr. Hans Peterson
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Dear Dr. Peterson:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding safe drinking water policies in Canada.

The Alberta government takes the management of its precious water resources seriously. Alberta's *Water for Life* strategy, which was released in November 2003, is the government's response to a need for a new water management approach that outlines specific strategies and actions to address the province's water issues. The strategy's three key goals are: safe, secure drinking water supplies; healthy aquatic ecosystems; and reliable, quality water supplies for a sustainable economy. Through this strategy, Alberta will seek to establish a healthy and sustainable water supply for the environment, for our communities and for our economic well-being for all Albertans now and in the future.

Much progress has been made under the *Water for Life* strategy. On May 2, 2007, the Honourable Rob Renner, Minister of Environment, announced reports that outline water quality indicators now can be viewed online. Results are posted by Alberta Environment when testing and analyses are complete. The website gives Albertans access to information they need to feel confident in the safety and security of their drinking water supply, as promised under the *Water for Life* strategy. This is just another measure that shows the Alberta government takes drinking water quality seriously.

Through the *Water for Life* strategy, the Alberta government continues to work closely with citizens, stakeholders, and with the federal government to ensure the continued availability of safe drinking water for all of our communities. For further information on Alberta's *Water for Life* strategy, please visit www.waterforlife.gov.ab.ca.

Again, thank you for writing. I wish you continued success in your work.

Best personal regards,


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Minister of International, Intergovernmental and Aboriginal Relations

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