



AR 6812

February 14, 2003

Secretary, Canadian Section
International Joint Commission
234 Laurier Avenue West, 22nd Floor
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Secretary:

Mr. Ron Hicks, Deputy Minister of Environment, has forwarded a copy of your recent letter and a copy of the 2002 Progress Report on activities under the 1991 Canada-United States Air Quality Agreement. I appreciate the opportunity to respond on his behalf.

As a comprehensive and informative summary of relevant air quality activities on both sides of the border, the report illustrated the benefits of intergovernmental cooperation on issues of common concern.

The International Joint Commission can be proud of the achievements and we look forward to continued progress on transboundary air issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Peter Watson'.

C. Peter Watson
Assistant Deputy Minister
Environmental Assurance

cc: Ron Hicks
Deputy Minister