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Murray Clamen
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Dear Mr. Clamen:

The Yukon Government strongly supports the work of the International Joint Commission on transboundary air pollution issues. I would like to congratulate you and your colleagues on the 2006 Progress Report which highlights progress to date and commitments to future work.

Yukoners are extremely fortunate to enjoy excellent air quality in general; we have no major upwind pollution sources and no major point sources within our borders. Northerners place great value on the protection and enjoyment of our pristine environment, as evidenced by awareness of and support for the work of national and international issues committees.

I encourage the IJC to continue its excellent work on modeling, monitoring and control of acid rain and ground-level ozone, and to expand this work into fine airborne particulates. Energy generation and transportation emissions are other areas where there remains room for improvement in both Canada and the United States. In addition, public education on the health and environmental effects of air pollution, complimented by incentives to change our individual contributions to air pollution, might be an area through which the reach and effectiveness of the Canada/US Air Quality Agreement could be expanded.

Thank you for this opportunity to review and comment on the 2006 Progress Report.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis Fentie".

Dennis Fentie
Minister of Environment

