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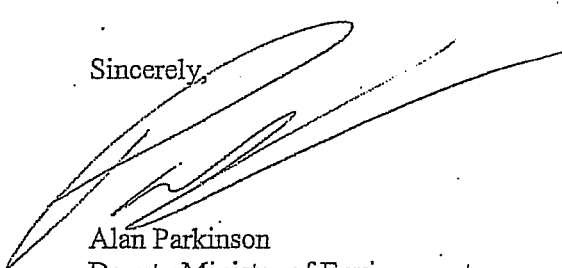
Dear Mr. Clamen:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the 2006 Progress Report for the Canada-United States Air Quality Agreement. The Canada-United States Air Quality Agreement continues to serve as an effective process for coordinating opportunities and efforts to address transboundary air quality issues in both countries.

The information summarized in the report is very useful and informative. The report confirms our general vision that certain types of air issues in the west pose less daunting challenges than those in the east. Nevertheless, Saskatchewan still considers air issues to be important and is exploring improvements to its air program such as airshed association and enhanced monitoring.

Canada's Clean Air Act, once adopted and in effect, should allow Canada to continue to contribute to improving transboundary air quality issues through its commitment to reduce and cap air pollutants and greenhouse gases and to make real progress in addressing the harmful effects of these releases. Ideally, continued collaboration between the two parties will continue to yield benefits for the betterment of the air quality, human health and ecosystems in the United States and Canada.

Sincerely,



Alan Parkinson
Deputy Minister of Environment

cc: Honourable John T. Nilson, Q.C., Minister of Environment