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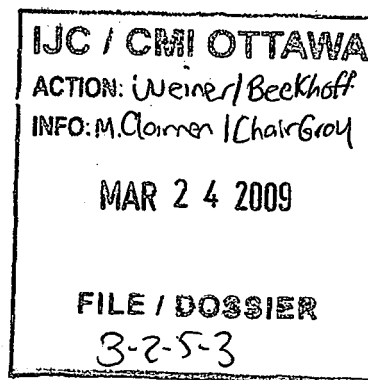
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Dear Mr. Gray:

Thank you for your letter of February 16, 2009 inviting comments to the IJC on the 2008 Air Quality Agreement Progress Report of the governments' Air Quality Committee under the Canada-United States Air Quality Agreement.

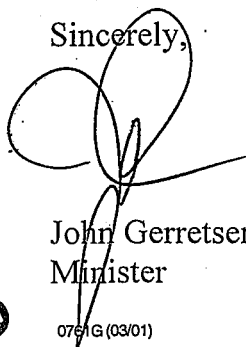
I am pleased to note, as stated in the report, both Canada and the United States continue to fulfill their obligations under the Agreement and that human and environmental health have benefited greatly from progress made in fighting acid rain and improving air quality.

Air quality remains a top priority for the Province of Ontario. Ensuring that we have good air quality along our border requires close co-operation with our neighbours to the south. The 2008 Progress Report reinforces this commitment. Ministry staff and I found the 2008 Progress Report to be informative and factual.

I appreciate the work of the IJC in inviting public comments on each progress report and preparing a synthesis of their comments. We look forward to receiving that report.

Thank you, again, for sharing this information with me, and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,



John Gerretsen  
Minister

