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Mr. David Peterson
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Dear David:

Saw a Globe & Mail report of your question and answer re inquiry into Port Hope problems. You may know that there is a joint federal-provincial task force; Ontario, Quebec and Saskatchewan are members. You might try to get access to the background information that the task force considers. We have been told by the feds, (Department of Energy, Mines and Resources) that we cannot have it, and it was not even sure that the task force report will be made public.

Also, you might try to encourage Ontario to insist on lay representation on that task force; either someone from Port Hope or some recognized environmentalist -- Barry Spinner at Probe would be excellent. A strictly internal task force, in my opinion, will have a natural tendency toward cover up.

Notices of suit have been served in a few cases, and several other lawyers have called CELA to ask advice. Hopefully, people will take our advice to heart and not sit on their rights until the limitation period is up.

Yours very truly,

CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION

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