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Dear David,

Re: Travel Expenses to April 19~20, 2004 Meeting

Attached is an invoice for my ground travel expenses to the April 19 ~ 20, 2004 meeting.

I hope the working group had a productive two days following on our meeting. If there is anything that we can do to assist you in further work in Ontario do not hesitate to contact us.

I alerted you to our fact sheets so you can give KPMG an idea of recent regulatory developments. Educating the public on this issue at this time in Ontario is going to be extremely challenging because our whole water regulation regime is changing as the result of Walkerton. We are waiting for a new source water protection law, and a new revised water-taking permitting system. These are scheduled to come out at about the same time as the draft Annex. Confusion is already a problem. The good news is that if we have been successful in our campaigns here in Ontario our improved water permitting system will be a working example for other Great Lakes jurisdictions of how:

- a system can include seasonality provisions,
- strive to be self- financing,
- include public notice and involvement and
- improve reporting of use data.

Because we are doing our best to rally support for improvements, we have developed a network of groups and individuals that are interested in hearing more about the Annex. We held a series of five meetings this year around Ontario and specifically asked people attending if they wanted more information on the Annex as it becomes available.

We are discussing holding a meeting between agricultural groups and the environmental community early this summer to introduce them to the annex which has so far taken a backseat to new nutrient management and source protection obligations they will need to implement. I will keep you informed of this meeting. As well we are exploring holding a meeting with the Chiefs of Ontario to bring together First Nations to learn about water reforms underway. Additionally, we have other capacity underway in anticipation of release of the draft laws for source protection and water-taking and the upcoming review of the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement which the annex can piggy back onto.

Thank you for including CELA in this process. It has been frustrating but it also has been one of the most challenging, complex and fascinating processes I have participated in. It is my hope that by the time it is fully implemented the leaders of the region will be ready to entrench a conservation ethic in programs for the region.

The best of luck to you and the working group over the next crucial month.

Yours truly,  
Canadian Environmental Law Association

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