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Donna Bigelow
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Dear Ms. Bigelow:

RE: EBR Registry No. 010-7903: Regulation to Include First Nations' Drinking Water Systems in the Drinking Water Source Protection Planning Process Pursuant to the Clean Water Act, 2006

The Canadian Environmental Law Association ("CELA") is a non-profit, public-interest group established in 1970 to use existing laws to protect the environment and advocate environmental law reform. Funded as a community legal clinic specializing in environmental law, CELA represents individuals and citizens' groups before trial and appellate courts and administrative tribunals on a wide variety of environmental protection and resource management matters.

Since its inception, CELA has advocated the timely development of effective laws, regulations and policies to protect water resources within Ontario and across Canada. Among other things, CELA represented the Concerned Walkerton Citizens at the Walkerton Inquiry, and was actively involved in the development of the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*, the *Clean Water Act, 2006*, and regulations, policies and guidelines thereunder.

CELA supports the regulation to include First Nations' drinking water systems in the drinking water source protection planning process pursuant to the *Clean Water Act, 2006*.

Yours truly,

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