



Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC)
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Catherine McKenna
Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Canada

Rafael Pacchiano Alamán
Secretary for Environment and Natural Resources, Mexico

Gina McCarthy
Administrator of the US Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Council Members:

I am writing to you on behalf of the members of the Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC) to enquire about the pending Canadian and Mexican appointments to our committee. As you are aware, currently Canada and Mexico each have four of their five mandated appointees, resulting in two vacancies.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of having a full membership on JPAC, particularly in light of the numerous changes and opportunities that lie ahead for the Commission next year. We understand your offices are looking at filling these vacancies, but please feel free to reach out to us for any assistance you may require.

I would also like to take this opportunity to offer a warm welcome and congratulations to Ms. McKenna and Mr. Pacchiano Alamán for their recent appointments as Council members from Canada and Mexico for the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) of North America. We are confident that the Commission's work will continue to flourish under your leadership and would like to offer our unconditional support as you guide the work of this important organization.

Thank you in advance and we look forward to the opportunity of collaborating with you.

Sincerely,

Gustavo Alanís-Ortega
JPAC Chair for 2015

cc: JPAC members, Alternate Representatives, General Standing Committee members,
Irasema Coronado, CEC Executive Director