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Committee Slave Lake, Alberta I am writing in response to your request for input to the CEC's proposed operational policy.

From reading through your documentation, supplied to our committee by the Alberta Environment Network, it is evident that the CEC is performing valuable and far-reaching activities which will affect not only North America but the global environment for many years and centuries to come.

Congratulations on your accomplishments to date and best of luck in all of your future endeavors. We have a couple of suggestions to make in accordance with your request for input, as follows; Communicate the existence of the CEC to municipal governments. Municipal government is where the 'rubber hits the road' and I know for a fact that at least the ones in our area are completely aware of the CEC and the 'best practices' encouraged by your committee on a national and international scale.

Please consider planning a brochure for municipalities introducing them the data bases specifically relating to the; Sound Management of Chemicals, Promotion of Renewable Energy and Green Procurement.

Our group felt that if our elected municipal representatives had this sort of information available to them in an official database, they would not resist quite so strenuously these concepts when they are suggested to them by their constituents.

Please consider including the woodland caribou of Alberta in Project 3:

Building local capacity for integrated ecosystem management and to conserve critical species and spaces. The woodland caribou are in danger of extirpation in Alberta, mainly due to industrial development (Forestry and Oilfield) in their habitat. Now we have the beginning of what looks like a new Pine Beetle onslaught in Alberta. The woodland caribou will definitely be extirpated is the Alberta Government in concert with industry accomplishes its plan for Pine Beetle control. Thank you for your consideration and for all of your work.