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**Comments on the “Lessons Learned” Draft Report to the Council for  
Environmental Cooperation**

Dear JPAC:

In general I support your draft report. I do however have a few suggestions.

On page 16 in the last paragraph under # 4 Open, Informed and Reasoned Decision-Making, it is unclear which Party you are referring to in the parentheses. I recommend that you delete “(in order to permit the responding Party to become aware of the recommendation before press inquiries begin)”. The responding Party will be aware of the recommendation. It is the submitter that will not be aware of the recommendation under the existing 30-day blackout. There are also other reasons for abolishing the 30-day blackout.

Based on the input you received, I believe you should recommend that conclusions be included in Factual Records and that Factual Records be made public.

Finally, I believe your recommendations to Council should be clearly stated as recommendations and not just embedded in the conclusions.

sincerely,

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