



Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC)
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Jim Prentice
Minister of Environment, Canada

Juan Rafael Elvira Quesada
Secretary for Environment and Natural Resources, Mexico

Stephen L. Johnson
Administrator of the US Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Council Members:

I am writing to you on behalf of the members of the CEC's Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC) concerning the outstanding nominations to the JPAC and, most importantly, the expiration of the terms of the four current Canadian members on 31 December 2008.

As you can appreciate, the latter situation will make it difficult for the Committee to operate should there be no appointments by the end of this year. Given the urgency of the situation, I respectfully request that you expedite the selection process and provide us with a decision prior to our public meeting, which will be held in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, on 2 and 3 December. Furthermore, if Canada anticipates that it cannot reach a decision by the end of the year, we seek clarification on whether the current members shall continue temporarily until a selection is made.

We look forward to your hearing from you and thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Jane Gardner
JPAC Chair 2008

c.c.: CEC Alternate Representatives
CEC Executive Director
GSC Representatives
JPAC Members