



Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC)

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The Honorable Stéphane Dion  
Minister  
Environment Canada  
Les Terrasses de la Chaudière  
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Dear Minister Dion

As you may already know, the terms of three of the five Canadian members to the Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC) of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation of North America have expired as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004.

The JPAC is now planning for its first meeting in 2005, and our quorum rules require that three members from each country be present. It is critical that JPAC be fully functional as soon as possible so that it can fulfill its role under the North American Agreement for Environmental Cooperation and effectively engage the public on key issues. Therefore, I respectfully request that you advise us when we can expect these new appointments to be made.

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of JPAC, to extend best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely,

Arturo Duran  
JPAC Chair for 2005

c.c. Norine Smith, Alternate Representative for Canada  
William Kennedy, CEC Executive Director  
JPAC Members