



Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC)
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Ingeniero Alberto Cárdenas Jiménez
Secretary, Secretariat of the Environment and Natural Resources (Mexico)

The Honorable Stéphane Dion
Minister of the Environment (Canada)

Mr. Stephen L. Johnson
Acting Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Council members,

The Joint Public Advisory Committee held its first meeting for 2005 in San Diego, California on 14 April.

For your information, since January 1, 2005 JPAC has been without three Canadian members. According to our Rules of Procedure, this has implications on the Committee's ability to take decisions under certain circumstances. We understand that Canada is working to make new appointments as soon as possible.

In order to prevent a similar situation in the future, JPAC respectfully requests that the Parties organize the appointment process to ensure there is no time delay between the end of term of members and new appointments.

Furthermore, JPAC will be assessing the appropriateness of amending its Rules of Procedure regarding quorum and, if necessary, will be proposing amendments to the current Joint Public Advisory Committee Rules of Procedure for your consideration in conformity with Rule 11 of these Rules of Procedures.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Yours truly,

Arturo Duran
JPAC Chair for 2005

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