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Director Richard Opper
Department of Environmental Quality
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Dear Director Opper:

At the January 8, 2010, Environmental Quality Council (EQC) meeting, the Council Members voted unanimously to send this letter to the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) recommending that the DEQ:

- (1) form and institutionalize a broad group of stakeholders analogous to the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee to be convened and consulted for any current and future Comprehensive Environmental Cleanup and Responsibility Act (CECRA) administrative rulemaking processes; and
- (2) undertake, at some point in the future, a comprehensive CECRA administrative rulemaking process utilizing the stakeholder group noted in subsection (1) above.

These recommendations were made in response to some issues that were raised by interested and affected parties during the January 8, 2010, EQC meeting with respect to the DEQ's current CECRA rulemaking activities (MAR Notice No. 17-296).

Thank you for your serious consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Rep. Chas Vincent
EQC Chair

cc: EQC Members

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