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**Department of
Environment and Conservation**
Office of the Deputy Minister

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Mr. Rick Wilson
Executive Director
Canadian Association for Environmental
Analytical Laboratories (CAEAL)
Suite 300, 265 Carling Avenue
Ottawa, ON K1S 2E1

Dear Mr. Wilson:

RE: LABORATORY ACCREDITATION

Policy Directive PD:PP2001-01 deals with the use of accredited and certified laboratories by organizations providing environmental data to our Department. If conditions as set out in the policy require a laboratory to be accredited, it must be a recognized form of accreditation such as the existing arrangement between CAEAL and the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) which has been in effect since 1994. It is our understanding that this partnership between CAEAL and SCC will expire on January 1, 2005. At that time, our Department will recognize CAEAL as an accreditation body in which the newly formed Accreditation Council within the CAEAL structure will make the final accreditation decision, and the accreditation will be granted by CAEAL.

If you wish to discuss this further, please contact Peter Haring at 709-729-4147.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul L. Dean".

PAUL L. DEAN
Deputy Minister