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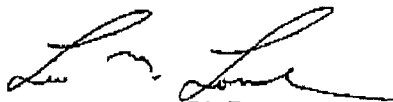
the tritium standard, in the absence of such a policy. The Ministry should give a high priority to the development of a formal policy on risk assessment to codify the standard setting process. One of the benefits of such a policy would be to reduce the likelihood of the appearance of such extreme recommendations as contained in "A Standard for Tritium".

In summary, we support the goal of a risk-based approach that ACES attempted to use in developing recommendations for a tritium in drinking water standard. However, we believe that the overall risk criterion for drinking water cannot be selected in isolation, but must be consistent with risk from other activities that are accepted by society. We strongly support the development by the Ministry of a formal policy on risk assessment to guide the standard setting process.

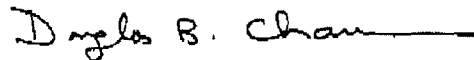
For the reasons presented above, we oppose the ACES recommendation that the ODWO for tritium be reduced below 7,000 Bq/L. Also, we request that the Ministry consider the far-reaching social and economic implications of accepting the recommended objectives that would be very costly yet result in no significant reduction in risk to the people of Ontario.

Yours very truly,

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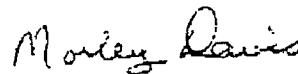
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