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Dear Mr. Houston,

Re: *Environmental Assessment in Ontario Project*

The purpose of this letter is to give you a brief update on the *Environmental Assessment in Ontario Project* following our last progress report forwarded to you on June 19, 2001.

At this point, parts of a draft of the second paper have been circulated internally for the purposes of review and revision. The timeline for the balance of the project has now been established and it can be summarized as follows:

- **Circulate full paper to external committee** **November 15, 2001**
[At the initiation of the project, an external multi-stakeholder advisory committee was established to provide, among other things, comment on the draft paper. A draft paper will be copied and distributed to this committee.]
- **Integrate comments and completion of final draft** **December 31, 2001**
[A number of weeks will be given to the external advisory committee to review the draft paper. The comments from the advisory committee will be reviewed and the draft then revised accordingly throughout December. This paper will then be completed by December 31, 2001.]
- **Publishing and release** **January, 2002**
[During the early or mid-part of January, 2002, the paper will be released to the public. It will be uploaded to the CELA website to be made accessible to a wider audience.]
- **Final Report to Funders** **January 31, 2002**
[By January 31, 2002, a final report to the funders will be submitted.]

As you will notice from our June reporting letter, the completion of this project has been delayed. Although in most circumstances this may be a concern, we are very pleased with the progress of this project. As noted in the past, the Walkerton Inquiry was a reason for the delay since both Alan Levy, the principal researcher, and CELA staff were significantly involved. It was not intended originally that there be two papers. It is our view that this is a benefit to the project with the real only downside is a slightly revised schedule.

It is our hope that you will agree with us that this delay will result in positive dividends. It is our view that the schedule outlined above is a firm one.

We will continue to keep you informed of our progress with the project. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Yours very truly,

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