



Joint Public Advisory Committee
Comité Consultivo Público Conjunto
Comité consultatif public mixte

21 January 2002

The Honorable David Anderson
Minister of the Environment (Canada)

Licenciado Victor Lichtinger
Secretary, Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Semarnat)

Governor Christine Todd Whitman
Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Council members:

During Regular Session 01-04 of the Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC) of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation of North America (CEC), we approved Advice to Council 01-09 (attached) which was transmitted to you immediately following the meeting. In this advice, we requested that you authorize a public review—through the JPAC process of “Public Review of Issues Concerning the Implementation and Further Elaboration of Articles 14 and 15”—on two issues: 1) narrowing the issues; and 2) the detailing of work plans.

Unfortunately, we have received no reply to our request. As you know, JPAC may act on its own to provide advice on any issue within the scope of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation (NAAEC), through Article 16(4). I hope that you will respond positively to JPAC’s advice to release a call for public comments so that our committee considers public input in our advice that we may produce on the issues presented in Advice to Council 01-09.

Sincerely,

Jon Plaut
JPAC Chair 2002

c.c. CEC Alternate Representatives
CEC Executive Director
NAC/GAC Chairs
JPAC members