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Mr. Terry Sargeant  
Chair  
Clean Environment Commission  
305-155 Carlton Street  
Winnipeg MB R3C 3H8

Dear Mr. Sargeant:

I announced on March 16<sup>th</sup> that I would be asking the Clean Environment Commission (CEC) to review Louisiana Pacific's (LP) request for permanent alterations to its Swan Valley oriented strand board plant's Environment Act Licence.

As you are aware, the CEC initially reviewed this plant when it was first proposed in 1994. Included in the original CEC report was a recommendation that the company operate pollution control equipment including RTOs. LP's recent application states that upgrades have reduced emission levels since the plant was first constructed.

Therefore, pursuant to section 6(5) of *The Environment Act*, I am asking that the CEC conduct an investigation and provide advice and recommendations to me regarding Louisiana Pacific's request.

I have provided a terms of reference which will help guide your exercise. LP's current licence has a requirement for the Director of Environmental Assessment and Licencing to review the terms and conditions of the licence prior to June 1, 2009, so completion of the CEC process in advance of this date would be welcome.

Thank you for undertaking this important task.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stan Struthers'.

Stan Struthers  
Minister