



April 11, 2014

Honourable Mary Polak
Ministry of Environment
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Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Polak:

In March 2014, the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association (CEPA) and Railway Association of Canada, in consultation with Western Canada Marine Response Corporation and Western Canadian Spill Services Ltd., released their response paper, "World-Leading Land Based Spill Preparedness and Response in British Columbia: *The Perspective of Large Liquid Hydrocarbon Transporters.*"

CEPA staff shared the document with UBCM's Environment Committee at the time of its release. After reviewing the document, the Environment Committee has identified a number of issues raised by this document that, from the perspective of local governments across BC, will undermine the effectiveness and efficiency of BC's proposed world leading land based spill preparedness and response plan.

Attached is a short document that highlights our concerns regarding the position proposed in this document. We are aware that the Ministry of Environment has been actively working with both industry and local governments to find an efficient and inclusive means of moving forward to a world leading response. Our comments are provided to you at this time in order to further support the work of your Ministry.

We would like to thank you for the work you have committed to this endeavour and for your time to review our concerns.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sharon Gaetz". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mayor Sharon Gaetz
Chair, Environmental Committee

cc: Canadian Energy Pipeline Association