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Mr Jerry V. DeMarco
Commissioner of the Environment & Sustainable Development
Office of the Auditor General of Canada
240 Sparks Street
Ottawa ON K1A 0G6

Dear Commissioner DeMarco:

Watershed Watchers is a citizen-led environmental advocacy group that operates within the boundaries of Essex County Ontario. This encompasses the Canadian sub-watersheds of Lake St. Clair, the Detroit River and Lake Erie. The Essex Region Conservation Authority (ERCA) monitors the water quality in this region.

Our group focuses on environmental research and education. Our objective is to use our research to educate the public on sustainable development. Highlighting the need to protect local habitats, to enhance species biodiversity, to encourage soil conservation and to protect the quantity and the quality of our water supplies.

Watershed Watchers joins Fluoride Free Canada's petition in regards to Health Canada's classification of fluoridation chemicals as "water treatment chemicals".

We share the concerns raised by Fluoride Free Canada regarding the absence of analyses or tests on the effectiveness, safety, or the sanitary quality of fluoridation chemicals added to municipal water supplies to prevent and reduce tooth decay.

We believe their discharge into water bodies at concentrations that disturb fish habitat is a violation of *The Fisheries Act*, and the objectives of *The Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA)*.

Yours sincerely,

Giovanni Abati
Founder - Watershed Watchers