



CITIZENS ENVIRONMENT ALLIANCE

of Southwestern Ontario

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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:

The Citizens Environment Alliance of Southwestern Ontario (CEA) is a non-profit, grass-roots, international, education and research organization. We are committed to an ecosystem approach to environmental planning and management.

The CEA was formed in 1985 by citizens concerned about spills from the (Sarnia) Chemical Valley into the St. Clair River (the Toxic blob), and how those spills affected the region's drinking water.

Later, the CEA began to focus on the questions of toxins in the Great Lakes, as well as air quality throughout the transboundary area. The Alliance's annual activities since its inception have aimed at increasing public knowledge of the area ecosystems and the impact humans have on these systems.

We are members of Climate Action Network Canada and Green Infrastructure Ontario. The CEA is registered with the Canada Revenue Agency as a charitable organization #89983 7850 RP0001.

The Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) recognizes that every individual in Canada has a right to a healthy environment. Through this act, the Government of Canada commits to removing threats to biological diversity through the control and management of the risk of adverse effects of the use and release of toxic substances, pollutants and wastes. CEPA classifies inorganic fluorides, used for municipal water fluoridation, as toxic substances.

Our group supports the environmental concerns raised by Fluoride Free Canada in its petition to the Office of the Auditor General of Canada. We are therefore pleased to join as a co-signatory to this petition, which seeks to clarify the nature of the fluoridation chemicals promoted by Health Canada as a public health measure.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank L. Butler". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'F' and 'B'.

Frank Butler

Chair

The Citizens Environment Alliance of Southwestern Ontario