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Mr. Eugene Morawski
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Dear Mr. Morawski

Please find attached the Ontario Public Health Association's submission to the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) Parliamentary Review.

The review of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act represents an opportunity to strengthen a key piece of Canadian legislation. Rising awareness, knowledge and concern about relationships between the environment and human health points to a need for a public health perspective to be among those that inform the 2006 review of CEPA.

The Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) is a volunteer, non-profit organization that does research, education and advocacy on issues related to community and public health throughout Ontario. The OPHA has been very active on environmental health issues in recent years thanks to the dedication of its Environmental Health Work Group. The majority of active members in this Work Group work full-time on environmental health issues for public health units in Ontario.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the Parliamentary Review. If you have any questions on the submission, please contact Louise Aubin, Chair, Environmental Health Work Group at 905-791-7800 x 2479.

Yours truly,

Sincerest regards,

Dr. Garry Aslanyan
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Attachment