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### Confirmation Holders under the IPM Act

Dear Confirmation Holders:

This letter is to provide additional information in respect of the Draft Guidelines for First Nations Consultation (enclosed) issued by the Ministry of Environment.

The accompanying letter from the Deputy Minister of Environment (attached) requests proponents under the *Integrated Pest Management Act* to use the Draft Guidelines when preparing Pest Management Plans. The Draft Guidelines' steps include submission of a First Nations consultation report with the Pesticide Use Notice, to obtain a Confirmation from the Ministry.

I would like to clarify what is to be done by proponents who have already prepared Pest Management Plans and have submitted a Pesticide Use Notice to the Ministry as required by the new *Integrated Pest Management Act*:

- For proponents who have submitted a Pesticide Use Notice to the Ministry without submitting a First Nations Consultation Report, the ministry requests that a report be submitted with the annual Notice of Intent to Treat.
- If a proponent has already submitted the annual Notice of Intent to Treat for 2006, the Ministry requests that the First Nations Consultation Report is submitted before pesticide use in 2006.
- The Draft Guidelines include in Appendix E a template for the content of a consultation report.
- The report should document the consultation steps that have been conducted by a proponent in relation to the steps specified in the Draft Guidelines.
- The Ministry will use these reports to determine how closely the Draft Guidelines have been followed.

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When developing new Pest Management Plans, proponents are only be expected to submit a First Nations Consultation Report with the Pesticide Use Notice (to obtain the 5 year Confirmation) unless consultation needs to be continued. The Draft Guidelines specify that if there is agreement with a First Nation that the consultation should continue to the yearly planning stage - then a consultation report should be issued to the Ministry with the annual Notice of Intent to Treat.

If you have questions about this request, I would appreciate receiving them by E-Mail, sent to: Administrator, *Integrated pest Management Act* at: **legreview@victoria.gov.bc.ca**

Thank you for your attention to the newly released Draft Guidelines for First Nations Consultation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Houghton", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Christine Houghton  
Administrator, *Integrated Pest Management Act*