

Advisory Panel on Contaminated Sites

Suite 400, 601 West Broadway
Vancouver, BC
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September 19, 2002

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Minister's Advisory Panel on Contaminated Sites; Request for Submissions and Comments from Interested Citizens and Stakeholders

On May 14, 2002 Joyce Murray, Minister of Water, Land and Air Protection appointed an advisory panel to carry out a review of the contaminated sites provisions in Part 4 of the *Waste Management Act* and the *Contaminated Sites Regulation*.

The Panel has been asked to review a number of key components of the contaminated sites regime. The Panel recommendations will be used to develop a new policy framework for the regulation of contaminated sites in British Columbia and inform subsequent legislative changes required for the Spring 2003 Legislative session and consequential regulatory changes.

Over the past several months the Panel consulted with citizens and stakeholders to determine their needs and expectations. In addition in excess of 60 submissions were made to the Panel for their consideration. On September 3, 2002 the Panel submitted its interim draft report to the Minister. The draft Panel report is now available for review at the following website:

http://wlapwww.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/contam_sites/ministers_panel/ministerspanel.html

The Panel is inviting comments on the draft report from citizens and stakeholders. Comments must be submitted in writing by October 16, 2002. Please send five copies of your submissions or comments to the following address:

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In the coming weeks, the Panel will be seeking further information from some of the individuals or groups that made submissions. The Panel will also be contacting additional citizens and stakeholders for further information or to

arrange meetings to discuss problems identified, principles and possible solutions

On behalf of the Panel, I encourage you to review the draft report and provide us with your comments. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Margaret Eriksson, Chair
Advisory Panel on Contaminated Sites