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Dear Ms. MacPherson.

I am writing on behalf of the Ministry of Environment (the Ministry), representing the Province of British Columbia, to advise you of the actions that the Ministry has taken to ensure that British Columbia complies with the obligations of the British Columbia - Alberta *Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement* (TILMA) as it relates to the regulation of water well drillers under the *Water Act*, Ground Water Protection Regulation.

As you are aware, under the TILMA, workers who are certified by a provincial regulatory authority for a given occupation in one province must be recognized as qualified to practice that occupation in the other province.

To comply with the TILMA, the Ministry will recognize a water well driller certificate issued by the Province of Alberta. Recent amendments to the Ground Water Protection Regulation (effective March 6, 2009) reflect our commitment to ensuring labour mobility for this occupation.

A copy of this letter and your letter regarding the same will be posted to the Ministry of Environment's website at: <http://www.gov.bc.ca/env/> to aid the public understanding of the benefits of TILMA for licensed occupations.

Sincerely,

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