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To whom it may concern:

**Comments: Environmental Assessment Process for Water Quality and Habitat Improvement Projects**

The Canadian Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA) is the national voice of Canada's municipal water and wastewater services and their private sector suppliers. The Association provides the means for this essential public service sector to communicate with the federal government and national bodies about legislation, regulations, policies and programs focusing its activities and communication on significant national issues, trends and events.

Our municipal and private sector members are frequently required to perform some level of environmental assessment for infrastructure projects in their jurisdiction, including small scale projects that may fall under the current Class Screening.

The Canadian Water and Wastewater Association supports the re-declaration of small scale water quality and habitat improvement projects as a designated class of recurring projects. The Class Screening simplifies and streamlines the Environmental Assessment process for these small scale projects, while ensuring environmental protection. Even when our members are not the proponents of these projects, they still have a net benefit for the local watershed, and CWWA supports an approach that facilitates the completion of these projects.

Should you have further questions or concerns about our comments, please do not hesitate to contact Kara Parisien, Senior Policy Analyst and Communications Manager at the number listed below.

Sincerely,



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