

November 28, 2003

The Hon. David Anderson  
Minister of Environment  
Terrasses de la Chaudière  
Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Minister:

Managing Municipal Wastewater Effluents

The Canadian Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA)<sup>1</sup> is delighted with the decision of the Council of Ministers of Environment to work concertedly in the development of a strategy for addressing municipal wastewater effluents and congratulates you on assuming the Presidency of CCME. The Association's Board and many of its members have reviewed the press release from your meeting in Victoria and have asked me to write to you and your colleagues assuring you of the full support of the Association and its members in the development of the strategy.

The municipal wastewater sector and its private sector service providers have many hundreds of dedicated professionals engaged in the management of wastewaters and the resultant effluents and biosolids. Taken collectively, there are many thousands of person years of experience. This is freely available to the federal, provincial and territorial officials who will be charged with developing the strategy and the standards. It represents a very considerable body of resources that can be harnessed for this task.

These municipal managers and professionals are dedicated to managing the pollutants generated in our cities and towns by industry, commerce and institutions, as well as by the residents themselves. They seek to meet public health and environmental objectives within the limits of the funding and technologies and treatment processes available to them. They can contribute to the task before CCME and are eager to participate. Please allow us to participate actively and fully in this task.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Director.  
Cc: Provincial/Territorial Ministers of Environment, CCME Secretariat  
Board of Directors, CWWA Bulletin and website

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<sup>1</sup> The Canadian Water and Wastewater Association is the national Association of municipal water and wastewater services. Its primary function is to serve as a communication channel between municipal water and wastewater services and federal and national bodies whose policies, legislation and programs impact on the provision of those services.