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Sent by E-mail

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Dear Mr. Parker

Re: 2023 Update to Ring of Fire Federal Authority Advice Record

Thank you for the letter dated October 24, 2023 requesting Environment and Climate Change Canada's (ECCC) updated input to the design of the process and the development of the Terms of Reference for the Ring of Fire Regional Assessment.

ECCC participates in the Regional Assessment process as a Federal Authority under the *Impact Assessment Act*. ECCC makes available specialist or expert information or knowledge in its possession, as required, at the request of the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada. ECCC has considered the proposed goal of the assessment cited in the letter and provided input, where appropriate, in the attached Federal Authority Advice Record.

Sincerely, <Original signed by>

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A/Regional Director – Ontario Region, Environmental Protection Operations Directorate Environmental Protection Branch

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