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The Honourable Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment and Parks, House Leader
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Dear Minister Nixon,

Re: Air Monitoring in the Peace River Area

The Peace River Area Monitoring Program (PRAMP) Committee provides continuous, long-term air monitoring in the Peace River area as part of the Oil Sands Monitoring (OSM) Program. We are writing to thank you and your department for the support you have provided to enable the continuation of air monitoring, reporting, education and outreach for the benefit of residents and the environment.

On-going AEP payments for PRAMP Contract (#20AEM840)

In June 2020, we requested your approval for Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) to continue contractual payments to PRAMP while 2020-21 OSM work plans are under review. PRAMP's current invoices have now been processed and paid by AEP, allowing our monitoring and reporting commitments to continue uninterrupted. We are waiting for the outcome of OSM discussions and in the meantime, we are able to carry on delivering the air monitoring services that are required in the PRAMP contract with AEP.

PRAMP Grant for Education, Outreach and Community Engagement

We have also received the payment schedule and first 2020-21 instalment of Grant 20GRSTR20 which is designated for air quality education, outreach and community engagement. In past years, Grant payments have been received much later in the fiscal year. While the Grant funds are valuable at any point, receiving the funding early in the fiscal year results in significant improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of PRAMP's outreach program. We are now able to ***maintain without interruption an employment contract*** with our Education and Outreach Coordinator, and also ***pursue our plans to hire a part-time Indigenous Engagement Coordinator***. The multi-year, continuous funding also makes it possible for PRAMP to explore and commit to ***partnerships with local organizations such as libraries, environmental not-for-profit groups and education institutions*** where resources can be shared and leveraged in support of mutual goals for air quality literacy and improved environmental outcomes. In addition, the early confirmation and

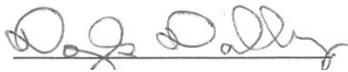
receipt of funding enables PRAMP to **commit to educational programs in schools and other community venues** during the summer and throughout the fall. PRAMP will also be able to continue **adapting programs for on-line delivery**, thereby maintaining education and outreach programs in line with COVID-19 pandemic restrictions with either in person or on-line delivery . In summary, our Education, Outreach and Engagement Program resources can be efficiently allocated throughout the year resulting in improved awareness and ultimately improved environmental outcomes in the region.

Thank you for your assistance and we look forward to continuing to work with your department on air quality monitoring, reporting, education and outreach in the Peace River area.

Sincerely,



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