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Dear Ms. Petry,

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (the Agency) received information indicating that the Quill Lakes Watershed Association (QLWA) is withdrawing its application to the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency for the approval of the Common Ground Drainage Channel Diversion Project (the Project). The Agency understands the Project as proposed will not proceed and future proposals will be subject to new respective approvals.

On November 19, 2018 the Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development requested the Minister of Environment and Climate Change designate the Project for an environmental assessment under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012). The Agency is no longer seeking a Ministerial decision under section 14 of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*, given the cancellation of the Project. In communicating this to the proponent, the Agency has recommended that if the QLWA contemplates the development of other water diversion projects within the Quill Lakes region, the QLWA ought to engage with the Agency and other relevant federal departments early in the planning process given the potential environmental effects in areas of federal jurisdiction associated with water management in the Quill Lakes region.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Anna Kessler at (780) 495-2479 or by e-mail at anna.kessler@ceaa-acee.gc.ca.

Yours sincerely,

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