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May 19, 2022

By email only

**Subject:** Close of the record

Dear Participants,

As we reflect on the month of public hearing sessions and the closing remarks, we want to thank you for your commitment to this review process. We are deeply grateful for the dedication that was required to provide comments, technical reviews, and/or speak at the public hearing. We spent almost a month together and we were listening closely.

We appreciate the flexibility that everyone showed to allow us to proceed through the schedule efficiently. We know that it may not always have been easy to modify schedules to be available for presentations and questioning, and we recognize that many of you had to reschedule or miss other personal and professional commitments.

This marks the end of the public hearing, and the record is now closed. We will use the information that we have received on the registry to prepare a report for the federal and provincial Ministers of the Environment.

Thank you once again and if you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jason Patchell, Acting Panel Manager at <a href="mailto:marrathon@iaac-aeic.gc.ca">marrathon@iaac-aeic.gc.ca</a>.

Sincerely,

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Debra Sikora Panel Chair