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Paul Craven
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Dear Mr. Craven:

RE: Kitimat Clean Refinery Project - Coordination of Federal and Provincial Processes

As you know, on September 9, 2016, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change referred the environmental assessment of the Kitimat Clean Refinery Project to a review panel. The announcement can be found at the following link: <http://ceaa.gc.ca/050/details-eng.cfm?evaluation=80125>.

The *Canada-British Columbia Agreement for Environmental Assessment Cooperation (2004)* is designed to foster cooperation, setting out roles and responsibilities in implementing cooperative environmental assessments to ensure efficiencies and effectiveness in the use of public and private resources and to achieve increased certainty and predictability for participants in the environmental assessment of proposed projects involving both parties. In keeping with these objectives, the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency would like to initiate discussions with the Environmental Assessment Office on the potential coordination of our respective environmental assessment review processes for the Kitimat Clean Refinery Project, including exploring with you the merits of a joint review panel process.

The Agency would like to initiate these discussions as soon as possible. Brett Maracle, the Panel Manager responsible for the federal environmental assessment of the Project, will be leading discussion on behalf of the Agency and can be reached at 613-957-0249 or at brett.maracle@ceaa.gc.ca.

Best regards,

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