



Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC)  
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Minister Rona Ambrose  
Minister of Environment, Canada

Juan Rafael Elvira Quesada  
Secretary for Environment and Natural Resources, Mexico

Stephen L. Johnson  
Administrator, US Environmental Protection Agency

**RE: Consolidated factual record for the Ontario Logging (SEM-02-001) and Ontario Logging II (SEM-04-006) submissions.**

Dear Council members:

Noting that nearly six months have passed without a Council decision on the public release of the factual record referenced above, we, the members of the Joint Public Advisory Committee, are writing to express our concern over these recurring delays for Council action.

NAAEC Article 15(7) calls for Council to vote on making a factual record publicly available normally within 60 days of its receipt. This has regularly been the case; however, recent delays, such as with the vote on the Tarahumara factual record, are in our view hindering the process and could potentially undermine public confidence in the CEC.

JPAC urges Council to move forward and take a decision on this factual record without further delay.

Sincerely,

Carlos Sandoval  
JPAC Chair for 2006

cc: Alternate Representatives  
CEC Executive Director  
JPAC members