



GOVERNMENT OF
NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

Department of
Environment and Conservation
Office of the Deputy Minister

| |
|------------------|
| IJC / CMI OTTAWA |
| ACTION: EAB |
| INFO: Clamen |
| DEC 29 2004 |
| FILE / DOSSIER |
| 3-2-5-3 |

DEC 27 2004

Mr. Murray Clamen
Secretary, Canadian Section
International Joint Commission
234 Laurier Avenue West, 22nd Floor
Ottawa, ON K1P 6K6

Dear Mr. Clamen:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2004 Progress Report of the governments' Air Quality Committee under the Canada-United States Air Quality Agreement.

As a relatively small source but a receiver of significant quantities of air pollutants from sources in other jurisdictions, the addressing of these issues is of considerable importance to the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

There is a wealth of information summarized in the report which provides a good understanding of the issues involved and the progress made. The information provided on Newfoundland and Labrador, unfortunately, is somewhat sparse and possibly misleading. For example, our monitoring indicates that the acid deposition in Newfoundland and Labrador is still of some concern.

I would encourage your Commission and the Government of Canada to continue to press on these issues for the benefit of all. These issues are of importance to the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador, to the extent that we have recently enacted new regulations that address many of the pollutants that are addressed under this agreement.

Sincerely,

PAUL L. DEAN
Deputy Minister