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The Right Honourable Herb Gray
Chairman
International Joint Commission
234 Laurier Avenue West
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Dear Mr. ^{Herb} Gray:

Thank you for both of your letters requesting Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) to comment on the 2004 Progress Report on the Canada/USA Air Quality Agreement.

DUC is not really in the best position to comment, since as you know, our mission is to conserve, restore and manage wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. Granted rainfall and particulate matter that it accumulates is what fills the wetlands, but we are not air quality experts. We are however encouraged by the 'water chemistry improvements' in response to steadily decreasing emissions of sulfur oxides. More emissions reductions are of course needed before full recovery can take place.

The more we collectively do to improve our environment, the better off we'll all be in the future.

Sincerely,

p.s. Hope you are well.

J. Barry Turner
Director of Government Affairs