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Sent by Email to: medicine.hat@assembly.ab.ca and rob.renner@assembly.ab.ca

Re: Compliance with Alberta Environment's Baseline Testing Standard

Dear Honourable Renner,

Congratulations to you on your new position. I am hoping that you have had opportunity to become aware of ongoing concerns regarding water contamination in the Rosebud/Redland area.

I have many outstanding questions awaiting response from the staff of your ministry. I trust that the Honourable Boutilier has passed along my file. I enclose below my correspondence intended for Mr. Boutilier and the receipt tag showing that he deleted, without reading, my email. It contains very important questions. The responsibility of a reply and dealing with EnCana's use of "implied refusal" now rests with you.

----- Original Message -----

Subject:EnCana's Compliance with the Baseline Testing Standard

Date:Wed, 01 Nov 2006 23:09:11 -0700

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Dear Honourable Minister,

I trust all is well with you and yours.

Thank you for your letter responding to my queries about the Jack water well explosion. Please let me know the outcome of the regulator's investigation there when it is complete. I am very interested to see the isotopic fingerprinting results and your Ministry's conclusions. I am even more interested to know which area petroleum wells around the Jacks the regulator is sampling to use in the fingerprinting analysis and to test for possible leaks, and whether the regulator is choosing these industrial wells or the area proponents are (it's the old robber caught in the bank question again).

Please review the attached letters by EnCana and advise me if they are compliant with your Ministry's Baseline Testing Standard. If not, please detail in writing how they are not, and what punishment EnCana will receive, if any.

The September 12 letter was left in an EnCana plastic bag on a landowner's outside door knob on a tremendously windy day.

The September 22 letter was taken to the post office on October 30 - the postal tracker is included for your convenience. This letter had the Baseline Testing Standard attached in full, so i would expect that EnCana knows what it says.

Thank you for attending to my requests promptly and with accountability.

Sincerely,

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<>Your message

To: Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo

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Subject: EnCana's Compliance with the Baseline Testing Standard

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In order to facilitate an understanding of this situation I will summarize the responses I received from AENV and the AEUB. It may be helpful if you review the attached letters from Encana before proceeding.

AEUB staff acknowledged receipt of the above email; AENV staff did not. When our Honourable Boutilier deleted my email without reading it, I resent my concerns about EnCana's violation of the Standard to Ms. Leslie Miller with AENV on November 7, 2006. She responded in writing on November 10, 2006, advising me that the AEUB enforces the Standard. I wrote the Chairman of the AEUB on December 8, 2006 asking him who is responsible for compliance with the Standard. Mr. Rick McKee, lawyer with the AEUB, responded in writing on January 19, 2007 advising me that the AEUB takes compliance action **if AENV forwards concerns to the Board**. Mr. Darin Barter, AEUB communications, was reported by *Enviroline* (EnviroLine Vol. 17 No. 1 & 2 pg. 6) saying that the AEUB will do something if citizens forward concerns to the AEUB.

I have written three letters of concern to AENV about EnCana's actions that are in direct contravention of AENV's Baseline Testing Standard; this is my fourth. More than three months have passed. Meanwhile it has been reported to me that EnCana continues to use "implied refusal" in direct contravention of AENV's Standard. Why have both regulators avoided dealing with this serious problem? Please detail how deflecting concerns of non compliance protects the public interest, our groundwater and public health and safety.

Please show Albertans that our Honourable Stelmach has selected wisely when he put you in charge of our environment. Please carefully address my concerns and questions in this email. Please take responsible action, and copy me what you forward to the AEUB.

One last question: If evidence of non compliance forwarded by citizens is not accepted by the regulators or Alberta Ministers, where is the citizen to forward that evidence?

Sincerely,

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