December 23, 2003

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Subject: 2003 Review of the Canada-wide Standards (CWS) for Dioxins and Furans from Iron Sintering Plants

Dear Ms. Ahn,

On behalf of the Iron Sintering Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group (IS-MAG), I am pleased to forward the following recommendation to the Canada-wide Standards (CWS) Development Committee (DC) for Dioxins and Furans regarding the 2003 Review of the CWS for Dioxins and Furans from Iron Sintering Plants.

IS-MAG received the guidance advanced by the DC to scan for significant new information in relation to the numerical targets in the current CWS. It was concluded by IS-MAG that there was no new significant information warranting a review of the current standard, at this time. This view took into account the recent work undertaken by William Lemmon & Associates for the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) to research technical options on pollution prevention opportunities for iron sintering. Also taken into account were all dioxins and furans emission testing results from the one remaining Canadian iron sintering plant.

Also considered was the required evaluation of all Canada-wide Standards for Dioxins and Furans in 2006 to “consider new scientific, technical and economic information and provide an assessment of the need to develop the next set of CWS targets and timelines to continue progress toward virtual elimination”\(^1\). This was noted and identified as a timely opportunity to reconsider the current standard for iron sintering plants with any information and additional test data that should be available at that time.

Taking the above into consideration, the IS-MAG recommends to the DC that:

- No change is required in the current Canada-wide Standards for Dioxins and Furans from Iron Sintering Plants for December 2003.

The above is respectfully submitted on behalf of IS-MAG.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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Chair
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Members and Observers of IS-MAG
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