



Joint Public Advisory Committee (JPAC)  
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Minister Stéphane Dion  
Minister of Environment, Canada

José Luis Luege Tamargo  
Secretary for Environment and Natural Resources, Mexico

Stephen L. Johnson  
Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Council members,

During our Regular Session 05-04 in Montreal, Canada held on 29 November 2005, it was brought to our attention by the Secretariat and members of the public that over 120 days has passed without a Council decision on the public release of the factual record on Tarahumara/SEM-00-006.

Over the years, the Joint Public Advisory Committee and Council have engaged in many discussions regarding the Citizen Submissions process under Articles 14 and 15 of the NAAEC. Timeliness of the process has been repeatedly linked to our common commitment to transparency and accountability. These themes were independently elaborated in the report of the Ten-year Review and Assessment Committee.

We note that Article 15 (7) calls for Council to vote on publication of a final factual record normally within 60 days. JPAC urges Council to proceed and take a decision on this factual record without further delay.

Sincerely,

Jane Gardner  
JPAC Chair for 2005

Cc: Alternate Representatives  
CEC Executive Director  
JPAC members