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Dear Dr. Macpherson:

The Suffield Environmental Advisory Committee (SEAC) was established pursuant to Section 12 of the Memorandum of Agreement signed October 28, 1975, between Canada and Alberta. The Agreement authorizes Alberta or its Assignees to carry out oil and gas exploration, production, and development that is compatible with the continued use of the Base for military purposes.

Section 12(8) names a Review Board to act in the event that SEAC could not reach a unanimous recommendation. Fortunately, during its seven year existence, SEAC has not had to refer any matter to the Review Board.

Since one of the original SEAC Members is retiring (D. G. Harrington), we thought this would be an opportune time to bring the Board up-to-date on our activities. In this regard, the report, "Drill Rigs, Tanks and Pronghorns", previously sent to you, generally outlines the history and procedures followed by SEAC in protecting the environmentally sensitive areas.

The only real problem that we have encountered is the use of crested wheat grass to revegetate disturbed areas. While SEAC originally recommended that natural revegetation be encouraged in the mixed grassland zone, subsequent advice received from environmental consultants and personnel from the Research Station at Lethbridge, Alberta Energy Company (AEC) has reseeded some disturbed areas with a mixture of crested wheat and russian wild rye grasses.

Concern has been expressed by Environment Canada that the crested wheat grass will persist indefinitely and will not be replaced by native species.

In view of this situation, SEAC has asked AEC to discontinue this practice until the availability of native species can be determined. SEAC is reviewing the availability of suitable native species and will be making recommendations on this subject to AEC in time for spring seeding.

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SEAC is also determining, as close as possible, the extent of the mixed grassland prairie zone in order to determine the number of acres that have been seeded to crested wheat grass by AEC and previous occupants. Once this is known, SEAC will be able to decide if remedial measures to remove the crested wheat grass seeded by AEC are warranted.

We are hopeful that Environment Canada and Environment Alberta, can work through SEAC and the Base Commander to satisfactorily resolve the situation.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

D. G. Harrington,
Alberta Environment

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