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Re: EBR posting #010-0149 *Proposal - Update of Brownfield Soil and Ground Water Standards*

Dear Mr. Leus,

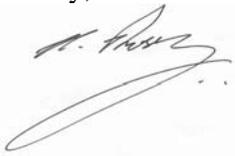
We are writing to you today in response to the Province of Ontario's Environmental Bill of Rights (EBR) posting # 010-0149, as referenced above. The Canadian Brownfields Network (CBN) supports the Province of Ontario's efforts to protect human health and the environment.

The CBN, its members and supporting organizations have participated in the various stakeholder consultations with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) regarding updating the soil and ground water standards in the Province of Ontario. In general, the CBN supports the comments and concerns that many of our supporting organizations have presented in these forums.

The CBN takes a leadership role in promoting best practices in Brownfield redevelopment and represents various organizations with similar objectives. The CBN and supporting organizations encourages the MOE to update the prescribed generic standards provided they actively engage the Brownfield community in the process. We encourage the MOE to consider the comments that supporting organizations will submit through the EBR posting as the first step in the process of revising the regulatory standards and not adopt the proposed standards in their current form.

Based on discussion with the MOE we realize that standards development is a long-term and comprehensive process. We appreciate the Province's efforts through the Ministry of the Environment to consult with the public on these potential updates and look forward to working through the process of defining the specific changes and related regulatory and process details.

Sincerely,



Angus Ross, Chair
Canadian Brownfields Network

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