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Ms. Diane M. Clairmont
Meeting Coordinator
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City of Vancouver
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Dear Ms. Clairmont:

Thank you for your letter of May 1, 2001 concerning Vancouver City Council's recommendations regarding the Greater Vancouver Regional District's (GVRD) Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP).

Environment Canada (EC) has been working for many years with the GVRD during the development of its LWMP. EC's primary interest in this regard is ensuring that GVRD discharges are in compliance with the federal *Fisheries Act*.

In May of last year, EC advised the GVRD that its environmental monitoring and "triggering" approach may be acceptable as one component of its LWMP but that the GVRD must also achieve compliance with the *Fisheries Act* at all of its wastewater discharge points.

We confirm that recent inspections carried out by EC show that the Iona and Lions Gate treatment plant discharges were not in compliance with the *Fisheries Act*. Furthermore, EC is not fully satisfied that the final Stage 3 Plan recently submitted to the Province will meet the requirements of the *Fisheries Act*. However, Environment Canada will continue to work with the GVRD to address these issues.

I appreciate your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Don Fast
Regional Director General
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cc: Donna Petrochenko, RDG, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

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