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Honourable Mary Polak
Minister of Environment
P.O. Box 9047 Stn Prov Govt
Room 112, Parliament Buildings
Victoria, B.C. V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Polak:

RE: Proposed Changes to Open Burning Smoke Control Regulations

At its Regular Meeting held November 22, 2016, Council reported on the well-attended Air Quality and Health Forum held in Smithers on November 21, 2016.

Council has some concerns regarding the Ministry's proposed changes to Open Burning Smoke Control Regulations that it hopes you will be able to clarify.

Council is especially interested in knowing the Ministry's rationale for what seems to be a weakening of open burning regulations for areas more than twenty kilometres from communities, as well as the possible de-regulation of venting forecasting, both of which could have significant impacts to local air quality within our community.

Council would also like to receive a copy of the Zones of Sensitivity map the Ministry is creating.

Thank you for taking the time to respond to the above concerns.

Yours truly,



Anne Yanciw
Chief Administrative Officer

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c: Bulkley Valley Lakes District Airshed Management Society