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Mr. Mike Smith
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Dear Mr. Smith:

I am pleased to write to you in your capacity as Chair of the Board of Directors for the Walkerton Clean Water Centre. Pursuant to the requirements of the Agencies & Appointments Directive, this letter sets out my expectations for the Walkerton Clean Water Centre for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

Ontario's board-governed agencies are vital partners in ensuring the delivery of high-quality services to Ontarians. The people of Ontario depend on you to provide leadership to your agency's board, management and staff. Together with your fellow board members, the people of Ontario rely on you to establish the goals, objectives, and strategic direction for the agency consistent with your agency mandate, government policies, and my directions where appropriate. I thank you for your willingness to serve.

As you know, pursuant to Ontario Regulation 304/04 made under the Development Corporations Act, your agency is mandated to: coordinate and deliver education and training for owners, operators and operating authorities of drinking water systems; provide information, education and advice to owners, operators and operating authorities of drinking water systems and the public to ensure drinking water is safe; sponsor research into activities related to the agency's objects; and provide advice on research and development priorities to achieve and maintain safe drinking water.

To ensure that the agency provides drinking water education, training, information and advice to Ontarians with confidence, I expect the Walkerton Clean Water Centre to focus on:

- Coordinating and delivering a comprehensive range of high-quality education and training across Ontario, with a focus on addressing drinking water system vulnerabilities.
- Delivering relevant training to operators of First Nations drinking water systems throughout the province and supporting initiatives that contribute to the improvement of drinking water for First Nations communities. The agency is to make programs available to First Nations managers and community leadership as well.
- Providing the information and advice to clients province-wide which is necessary to help ensure that drinking water is safe.

- Assessing research gaps and needs and, when required, collaborating on high-priority research into activities related to the mandate of the Walkerton Clean Water Centre.

Sincerely,

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Jeff Yurek
Minister

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