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Mr. John C. Williamson
Chair, Cataraqui Source Protection Committee
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Dear Mr. Williamson:

I am responding to your March 12, 2010 letter regarding your request to use an alternate method under Rule 15.1 of the Director's Technical Rules (Rules) for the completion of the assessment report under the Clean Water Act (CWA) for the Cataraqui source protection area.

Variation from Rule 16(10) - Livestock Density

Your proposal is to use an alternate methodology to determine livestock density, per Rule 15.1. In the absence of actual animal numbers, you propose to use Census of Canada livestock data within the Cataraqui area. The Census data of actual animal numbers would then be converted to nutrient units for use in the calculations.

We concur with your opinion that the alternate method is effective, as it uses available Census data to produce the required maps, and appropriate, as it uses data at a regional scale and results in maps that reflect the actual pattern of farming in the area. Therefore, this approach is equivalent to the method currently required by Rule 16(10).

In accordance with my authority under Rule 15.1, I hereby provide Director's approval for the use of these alternate methods for the Cataraqui source protection area.

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Your rationale for the use of this alternative method and how it was applied must be included in your assessment report.

We thank you for your efforts in completing the technical studies in support of the assessment report under the CWA. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact our office.

Sincerely,



Ian Smith, Director
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