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Ms. Karen Goodings  
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Peace River Regional District  
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Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4H8

Dear Ms. Goodings:

Thank you for your letter of November 19, 2009 informing me of the Peace River Regional District (PRRD) Board's resolution requesting an opportunity to review the Regulations under the *Oil and Gas Activities Act* (OGAA) prior to them being adopted.

The Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (Ministry) is working in partnership with other ministries and the Oil and Gas Commission on the development of the OGAA Regulations, and accompanying training programs for industry and other interests, for implementation in Spring 2010.

I would like to assure you that industry, First Nations, local municipalities and other stakeholders have been, and continue to be, consulted on the OGAA Regulations. On November 6, 2009, the PRRD was sent the consultation draft of the Environmental Protection and Management Regulation (EPM Regulation) for review and comment. The PRRD's comments on the draft EPM Regulation will be included in the consultation record being assembled for this important Regulation. The entire record, showing all of the comments received, will be posted on the Ministry's website at <http://www.gov.bc.ca/empr/> by December 31, 2009.

I understand that Mr. Mike Lambert, Executive Director, Strategic Initiatives Branch, Oil and Gas Division, participated in the PRRD Board meeting held on November 26, 2009, giving a brief overview presentation on the OGAA Regulations and answering questions.

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Thank you, again, for your letter.

Sincerely,

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Minister

pc: Mr. Mike Lambert  
Executive Director  
Strategic Initiatives Branch  
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Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources

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