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Dear Ministry Stakeholder,

The Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change has provided outstanding environmental protection for more than 40 years. The work we do touches every corner of the province and improves the health and well-being of all Ontarians.

Today, I am pleased to share with you some exciting changes that will happen in the ministry, effective December 5, 2017.

The new organizational changes include re-alignment of some existing and creation of new divisions which includes:

- **Environmental Economics and Analytics Division (new):** Responsible for economic analysis and advanced analytics to support evidence-based decision making for environmental protection and climate change from a cross-ministerial perspective and with a forward-thinking approach.
- **Policy and Program Division (new):** Responsible for developing policy, regulations and legislation to support the ministry's mandate of environmental protection. Also, responsible for designing programs to protect the environment, and ensure resources are used efficiently and are recaptured and reused to achieve the prosperous circular economy. Responsible for leading intergovernmental and indigenous relations.
- **Climate Change Directorate (new):** Responsible for leading the long-term strategy and action plan to reduce Ontario's greenhouse gas emissions and drive the transition to a resilient, low carbon economy, including the Climate Change Action Plan. Consolidate all climate change-related activities under one management umbrella and streamline like activities e.g. Climate Change Action Plan, Cap & Trade, Climate Change Adaptation.
- **Environmental Sciences and Standards Division:** Responsible for providing research as well as scientific, technical and laboratory expertise to support policy and operational decision-making and also for monitoring and reporting on the state of Ontario's environment.

- **Environmental Assessment and Permissions Division (new):** Responsible for providing the single point of access for, and leading, the transformation of ministry permissions using risk-based approaches and customer service standards. Consolidate the issuance of all approvals, licences, permissions, certificates, etc., under one management umbrella to drive accountability, create efficiencies, increase focus and better align service delivery.
- **Drinking Water and Environmental Compliance Division (new):** Responsible for developing and integrating innovative, risk-informed approaches to improve compliance and the environmental performance of the regulated community. Also responsible for protecting and supporting clean air, water and land, and for improving the natural environment and human health. Fulfills the ministry's commitment under Justice O'Connor's recommendations to have a Chief Drinking Water Inspector who will continue to have oversight of safe drinking water for the province of Ontario.
- **Corporate Management Division:** Serves as a one window to the ministry and provides strategic administrative support services to ensure compliance with government legislation, policies and procedures. CMD is the primary liaison to central agencies (Ministry of Finance/Treasury Board Office and Ministry of Infrastructure) in the fulfillment of central agency requirements and planning across government, including the development of the provincial budget and long-term strategic plans.

The reorganization creates a structure to enhance our services and helps us deliver on our commitments to the people of Ontario that protect our environment, public health and fight climate change.

This ministry-wide transformation will make us more effective in our delivery of innovative and risk-based compliance and enforcement services. We remain committed to developing modern, outcome-focused and evidence-based programs that support healthy ecosystems and prosperous communities.

Our ministry structure may be changing but the value and importance of our relationship with you will not change. We will ensure you're made aware of any changes in programs or key ministry contacts in a timely manner, making sure you continue to receive the same seamless, excellent service and support from our ministry that you've come to expect.

With your help, our reorganization creates a structure of support and collaboration that will help us deliver on our commitments to the people of Ontario and protect our environment for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Paul Evans
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