



PREMIER OF SASKATCHEWAN

**LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
REGINA CANADA S4S 0B3**

November 21, 2007

Hon. Nancy Heppner
Minister of Environment

Dear Minister:

I want to congratulate you on your appointment as Minister of Environment, and thank you for accepting responsibility for delivering on our Government's plan for *Securing the Future*.

Throughout our proud history as a province, Saskatchewan people have embraced the future with hope and determination. Strengthened by the belief that hope beats fear, generation after generation of Saskatchewan people have worked hard to build a better future for themselves and their children.

On November 7th, 2007, the people of Saskatchewan voted for change and entrusted a new government with responsibility for delivering on the promise of Saskatchewan and serving the people of our great province. Our Government accepts this responsibility with humility and the belief that we must accomplish our goals in a manner which ensures accountability to those who have placed their trust in us. Integrity and accountability will be at the forefront of our dealings as a government, and in your work as a Minister of the Crown.

These thoughts must be in your mind as you take up your duties as Member of the Executive Council and deliver on the priorities of our Government. The purpose of this letter is to outline my expectations of you in your role as Minister.

We will be working together as a team to meet our Government's commitments, and I encourage you to collaborate with your colleagues and fellow members of Cabinet as you undertake your responsibilities. However there are clear priorities which are to be addressed by you and your Ministry:

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- Work with industry and the province's Crown Corporations to meet the province's greenhouse gas emission reduction target to:
 - Stabilize greenhouse gas emissions by 2010;
 - Reduce greenhouse gases by 32 per cent from current levels by 2020; and
 - Reduce greenhouse gases by 80 per cent from current levels by 2050.

- Guide our Government's efforts to help Saskatchewan people and communities Go Green, including support for:
 - Programs underway through the Municipal Energy Efficiency Initiative, including energy efficient lighting and heating programs, assistance for energy efficiency in rinks and solar water heating;
 - The Petroleum Technology Research Centre and International Test Centre for CO₂ Capture at the University of Regina;
 - Environmental awareness and sustainable community initiatives, including local recycling programs;
 - Research, development and the commercialization of environmental innovation through Innovation Saskatchewan; and
 - Energy conservation initiatives, including:
 - Low-interest loans to customers who install Energy Star qualified furnaces and boilers;
 - Rebating the PST for purchases of Energy Star qualified appliances and heating systems; and
 - Energy efficiency initiatives for new, low income and affordable housing.

- Develop Saskatchewan's biofuel industry through short-term loan assistance, new growth tax incentives and the infrastructure needed to support the development of biofuel facilities.

- Introduce legislation requiring a mandatory 2.5% bio-diesel blend on diesel fuels sold in Saskatchewan once provincial production capacity is capable of meeting demand.

- Work with municipalities and stakeholders across the province to protect and conserve our natural resources.

- Ensure Saskatchewan communities have access to safe and clean water supplies, enforce conservation standards to prevent overfishing in our lakes, work with farmers to improve conservation measures and implement green initiatives on agricultural land.
- Work with municipalities and institutions across the province to ensure that new public buildings in the province are constructed to the Model National Energy Code.

This is an exciting time for our province. Through our Government's hard work and your accomplishment of the above-noted objectives, we will deliver on our plan for *Securing the Future* and making Saskatchewan a leader in the New West, Canada and the World.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brad Wall', written in a cursive style.

Brad Wall
Premier