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Ms. Karen E. Sanford, M.L.A.
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Dear Ms. Sanford: *Karen*

In response to your request for further comments on acid drainage from the abandoned Mt. Washington copper mine, I would like to inform you that my Ministry has already initiated action to determine the extent of any problems.

The Ministry of Environment will collaborate with Federal Fisheries via Environment Canada, and the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources in analysing historical and water quality data. We have already established contact with these two agencies. A working group under the direction of the Regional Director in Nanaimo will address the environmental impact of acid mine drainage in the area. The results of their investigations will be made available.

Thank you for your interest.

Yours sincerely,

F.C. Austin Pelton
Minister