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Chair, Expert Panel - Review of Environmental Assessment Process

Canadian Environmental Assessment Act 2012

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**Environmental Health Association of Manitoba submission regarding the Canadian Environmental Assessment Processes review**

The Environmental Health Association of Manitoba, Inc. is a not-for-profit, non-governmental, non-partisan organization run entirely by volunteers and funded by donations. Goals of EHA-MB are to promote education and information on environmental sensitivities<sup>1</sup> and environmentally induced illnesses to the public, educational institutions and medical community in Manitoba and to provide information and support to individuals in Manitoba suffering from environmental sensitivities and environmentally induced illnesses, including Electrosensitivity (Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity - EHS). We represent many health conditions that are related to environmental factors and are often referred to as "the canaries in the mines" i.e. early indicators of conditions that can become harmful to many others.

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The Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) is "An Act respecting the environmental assessment of certain activities and the prevention of significant environmental adverse effects".

Our membership is keenly aware of the importance of fundamental health considerations in all decision making on environmental projects for prevention of illness. Wellness of people and communities and a healthy environment are inextricable: a human health impact assessment should be an integral part of the EA processes.

Therefore:

- 1) EHA-MB supports the eight recommendations of the "**Health Organizations and Health Professionals Submission of the Federal Environmental Assessment Processes**".
  
- 2) EHA-MB also supports the "**12 Pillars of a Next-Generation Environmental Assessment Regime**" as contained in the submission by West Coast Environmental Law.

Thank you for the opportunity for input. Please contact me for further information.

Sincerely,

Murray Cunningham

President, Environmental Health Association of Manitoba

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<sup>1</sup> Canadian Human Rights Commission - Environmental Sensitivities Policy:  
[http://www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca/sites/default/files/policy\\_sensitivity\\_0.pdf](http://www.chrc-ccdp.gc.ca/sites/default/files/policy_sensitivity_0.pdf)