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Hello Ms. Trevisan:

Re: Proposed hydro-electric generating station at the Bala falls

The proponent has placed two overseas shipping containers into the Moon River.

I realize that Cindy Hood speculated in her December 1, 2017 letter to me that the insecticide applied as part of the manufacture of these shipping containers would not cause contamination. As I noted in my December 6, 2017 letter copied to you, this speculation does not serve to protect the environment. Testing should be required to confirm this known harmful substance is no longer a contaminant.

But putting these shipping containers directly into the Moon River is yet another environmentally-significant change from anything disclosed to the public.

This is how invasive species, such as Zebra Mussels, Asian Carp, and Asian Long-Horned Beetles have been introduced to Canada. It is unacceptable that the proponent takes such environmental risks as short-cuts for their proposed project.

The proponent did not do any inspection or testing of these shipping containers which were manufactured in China. The proponent did not steam-clean these. The proponent did not inform the public, or take any precautions. This is yet another environmentally-significant change from what has been disclosed to the public.

I request that the proponent be required to immediately remove these from the Moon River.

I request that the proponent be required to submit an Addendum describing all such proposed environmentally-significant changes from their 2013 environmental approval.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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