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Dear Ms. Bellringer:

I am writing to update you on the progress the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) has made in implementing recommendations from your office.

As you know, in 2011, the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) made six recommendations to improve "EAO's oversight of certified projects to ensure that potential significant adverse effects are avoided or mitigated."

As set out in the OAG's May 2015 progress report, EAO has made substantial progress on those recommendations; fully or substantially implemented four of the six recommendations and partially implemented two recommendations relating to the effectiveness of environmental assessments and posting of compliance information.

I am pleased to let you know that as of March 31, 2016 we have been posting completed EAO inspection reports, warnings and advisories from 2012 onwards on our website. You can find it at <https://projects.eao.gov.bc.ca/>. Posting of compliance information supports EAO's efforts to ensure a transparent, predictable and procedurally fair environmental assessment process.

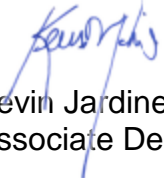
You will notice that this initiative is part of a larger initiative to improve our systems

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and website (<https://projects.eao.gov.bc.ca/>). Additionally, the EAO sits on the Mining Compliance and Enforcement Board and associated staff-level steering committee that was formed following the 2016 audit of the Ministries of Environment and Energy and Mines. Together the three agencies recently launched the new BC Mine Information website, which provides public access to mining authorizations, annual reports and inspection reports. The website is accessible here: <http://mines.nrs.gov.bc.ca/> .

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Autumn.Cousins@gov.bc.ca if you have any questions.

With best regards,



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