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Dear Colleen Draper:

This letter is regarding your Environment Act Proposal to build a new water treatment plant that will serve the communities of Dugald and Oakbank. The department advertised this proposal for public comments in Winnipeg Free Press, The Clipper Weekly, and Selkirk Record in May 2024, and the comment period ended on June 24, 2024.

This proposal received a significant number of public comments with concerns and the department will formally share those comments with you very soon. To advance the assessment and licensing of this development, I hereby, following section 11(9b) of The Environment Act, require the municipality to do the following:

- a) carry out additional public consultation by September 30, 2024. The consultation must have a moderator and a recorder. It must also allow members of the public to join virtually;
- b) notify the department of the consultation date two weeks before the meeting date;
- c) include information on the proposed raw water wells; and
- d) submit a public consultation report to [EABDirector@gov.mb.ca](mailto:EABDirector@gov.mb.ca) by October 30, 2024. The report must summarize all comments received, address those comments, and update the proposal as needed based on the comments received through the consultation process.

If you have any questions about the foregoing, please contact Jay Mak, Senior Environmental Engineer, Environmental Approvals Branch at [Jay.Mak@gov.mb.ca](mailto:Jay.Mak@gov.mb.ca) or 204-619-0709.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By  
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