March 19, 1996

AGRA Earth & Environmental Limited 95 Scurfield Boulevard Winnipeg MB R3Y 1G4

Attention: Mr. Harley Pankratz, P. Eng., Manager, Winnipeg Operations

Dear Sir:

Re: Proposed Contaminated Soil Storage and Remediation Plan Centra Gas Site, 35 Sutherland Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba

This letter acknowledges receipt and review of the proposal dated March 14, 1996, prepared by AGRA Earth & Environmental Limited, on behalf of Centra Gas Manitoba Inc., with respect to proposed temporary soil and water storage and remedial actions.

It is understood that approximately 700 tonnes of soil containing variable concentrations of PAH compounds, are to be removed from the Centra site on Sutherland Avenue, and transported to the Mid Canada Soil Treatment Ltd. site near Sanford, Manitoba. Further, barrels of PAH contaminated water are also to be stored at the Mid Canada facility.

The contaminated soil and water are to be treated as soon as weather conditions allow for construction of a treatment facility, and for effective soil remediation using either microbiological and/or chemical oxidation technologies. It is understood that bench-scale studies for each of these two methods are nearing completion, with the results to be forwarded to Manitoba Environment in assessing the suitability of the proposed methods for full-scale remedial actions.

It is the position of this department that the proposed transportation and storage plan as submitted in the March 14, 1996 AGRA proposal, is acceptable to this department. Manitoba Environment requires that Centra Gas inform this department of the proposed schedule for the operations prior to moving any soil and/or water from the Sutherland Avenue site.

Manitoba Environment appreciates the due diligence displayed by Centra Gas Manitoba Inc. and their consultant AGRA Earth & Environmental Inc., in dealing with this matter. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully,

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