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Dear Mr. Henderson:

This letter is in response to our recent correspondence, my letter of May 19, 2016, your letter of May 30, 2016, and your discussion with Terry Pratt of our office on July 25, 2016.

We very much appreciate receiving the update on the status of the proposed Carbon Creek Coal Mine Project (CCCM). I understand that Cardero Coal, Ltd. (Cardero) continues to advance this project, and intends to resume the environmental assessment (EA) process in the future.

As we discussed with you, the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) wishes to ensure that proponents do not expend effort on resuming an assessment based on process or information requirements that are now out of date. To that end, please be advised that when Cardero resumes the EA process, EAO will be reviewing the Section 11 Order that was issued on November 28, 2012 and will be updating this, as required, to reflect current EAO policy and practice.

An Application Information Requirements (AIR) will need to be developed for CCCM based on current EAO guidance for AIRs and current regulatory agency requirements for baseline information.

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In light of these potential changes, I encourage Cardero to contact EAO prior to undertaking activities specific to meeting EA requirements.

As well, in order for EAO to keep its files up to date, I would appreciate receiving regular updates on the status of the project, as well as Cardero's intentions regarding the EA. At a minimum, it would be helpful to have annual updates.

EAO will post this letter on its electronic Project Information Centre website at [www.eao.gov.bc.ca](http://www.eao.gov.bc.ca). Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Christie', written in a cursive style.

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