

March 20, 2012

Mr. Tim Lambert
Executive Director Health Protection
Ministry of Health Services
1515 Blanshard Street
Victoria, BC V8W 3C8

Dear Mr. Lambert,

I am taking this opportunity to express the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI) – BC Branch interest in being a stakeholder and participant in the review process for environmental public health related legislation, guidelines, and professional manuals pertaining to Environmental Health, or the practices of Environmental Public Health Professionals. The BC Branch believes that our members experience and activities as regulators under the Public Health Act, Drinking Water Protection Act, Food Safety Act, and related legislation provides a unique and valuable perspective for consideration in legislative, regulatory, and policy development.

Our Environmental Public Health Professionals are committed to the Institute's Continuing Professional Competencies (CPC) Program to develop high standards of professionalism and ethical practice, to advance their knowledge on current technology and emerging environmental public health topics, and to take an active role in provincial legislation and policy development. The BC Branch can bring forth sound and practical recommendations to the Ministry for your consideration in the development of Environmental Public Health programs and legislation for British Columbia.

The BC Branch is committed to establishing a strong professional relationship with the Ministry of Health as the leader in the environmental public health sector.

I welcome any opportunity to meet with you in person to discuss our Institute, activities, and practices. Alternately, you may contact me at 604-233-3217 or e-mail at president@ciphi.bc.ca.

Sincerely,



Gary Tam
CIPHI BC Branch President