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Hon. Shannon Phillips
Minister of Environment and Parks
208 Legislature Building
10800 - 97 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Phillips:

Thank you very much for your letter of reply dated October 11, 2017, regarding the Sears Hydrocarbon Plume in the Hounsfield Heights Community.

The final question I asked in my original correspondence on September 12, 2017, was if you were aware of any mitigation plans for area remediation should Sears be unable to financially continue operating.

Unfortunately, your reply did not include a response to this seemingly prophetic query since, at the same time as I received your reply, the media reported that Sears Canada Group went into bankruptcy. Therefore, I must, yet again, ask you for further information on this matter.

Will Sears still be responsible for the cost of this remediation, and if so, how will it be assessed, and who will be responsible to request the money from the liquidator? If not, whose responsibility will this become? The property owner, the City, the Province?

I look forward to your prompt and thorough response.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Swann, MLA
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