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Minister Paul Davis
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Dear Mr. Davis

This letter is in response to your Jan 24, 2012 request for information from an environmental perspective about violators who wash their chemical toilets in Newfoundland's brooks. Unfortunately as an avid outdoorsman I had the misfortune to come across these violators with no camera in hand. I also realize that you need clear evidence to prosecute anyone who might engage in this practice, which brings me to the letters I wrote to Premier Dunderdale, Minister Terry French, Minister Charlene Johnson and your predecessor Minister Harry Harding. These Ministers along with Environmental Protection officer Tammy McDonald from Harbour Grace know the difficulty first hand in catching violators in the act, yet the government of Newfoundland and Labrador continue to open more remote wilderness areas like Clifty Pond to remote cabin development, indiscriminate dumping and car wrecks. We had meetings with Minister Johnson about these issues and the dangers of indiscriminate dumping years ago and all we got is a blank face. (Concerned citizens)

Minister Davis I have forwarded numerous pictures and information to the perspective ministers numerous times over the years and reported the risks of remote cabin development, indiscriminate dumping and the washing of chemical toilets in Newfoundland's remote wilderness areas. I have practiced due diligence from an environmental safety perspective since I was a kid and have a daughter who might want to drink the water out of a Newfoundland brook sometime. The best way to ensure potable water is going to be safe for future generations and chemical toilets wont be washed in our beautiful brooks is rescind remote cabin development and leave our woods in peace. Encourage people to pack in and pack it out of our remote wilderness areas because as you stated it is very difficult to catch a slob or the legal word is violator.

Mr Davis I have Read your career highlights on line and must say they are pretty impressive; as new minister in Minister Harry Harding's post let's use some common sense to ensure a safety first policy for our remote wilderness areas. The pictures on my web site and the pictures I forwarded to Minister

Johnson is enough evidence of violations in Newfoundland's rural and remote wilderness areas. Environmental protection officer Tammy Mc Donald and other E.P.O in the regional office in Harbour Grace are fully aware of these issues that where reported. If our politicians don't use common sense environmentally future generations of Newfoundlanders will be packing a jerry can of water in the woods every time they go in. Another blight in Newfoundland's history.

Cc: Premier Kathy Dunderdale

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