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Dear Colleague:

Thank you for your letter of August 12, 2005, regarding moisture damage to homes in British Columbia. Your correspondence has been forwarded to the National Research Council of Canada (NRC). I have been advised by the NRC that it would be inappropriate for me, as Minister of Industry, to respond to your questions at this time in light of the discussions and actions presently taking place on this issue before the courts of British Columbia.

I have indicated to the NRC that I wish to be informed of any decisions or results regarding this matter. Once I have these details, I would be pleased to provide you with answers to the questions you raise in your letter.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely,

David L. Emerson