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Dear Ms. L'Heureux:

Thank you for your letter, dated April 17, regarding Information Request IR0111 requesting a copy of the Federal Contaminated Sites Inventory (FCSI) database. The enclosed CD contains an electronic copy of the FCSI in MS Access format. The data extract was prepared on April 19, 2013.

The FCSI is a dynamic database and information is regularly modified by reporting organizations. Annual reporting for 2012-2013 is currently underway; therefore, the Inventory does not yet contain a comprehensive set of records for this fiscal year.

Please note that this data extract contains protected information that is not displayed on the public FCSI website. Some site records are protected for a variety of reasons, including security. In particular, financial liability data is protected under section 18(b) of the *Access to Information Act* because disclosure of such financial information at the site level could prejudice the competitive position of the government or interfere with contractual or other negotiations. The data fields that are protected under section 18(b) of the *Access to Information Act* are as follows: Opening Liability; Total Expenditure Reducing Liability; Total Adjustment; Closing Liability; Contingent Liability; Next Fiscal Year Budget; and Estimate Quality.

Section 79.4 of the *Parliament of Canada Act* states that the Parliamentary Budget Officer shall not disclose any financial or economic data described in paragraph 18 (b) of the *Access to Information Act*. As such, we understand that this information will not be published or otherwise disclosed by your office.

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The concerns over protecting this information relates to the data specific to each contaminated site. This concern could be alleviated by aggregating the data, on a departmental basis, as is done in the *Public Accounts of Canada*.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Shirley Jen, Senior Director, Real Property and Materiel Policy Division at 613-941-7180.

Yours sincerely,



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