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Mr. Gary D. Lewis  
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Dear Mr. Lewis:

Thank you for your very informative paper presenting your views on the use of nuclear power as an option for reducing greenhouse gases and its potential for making a positive contribution to the environment and the economy.

Saskatchewan Environment is leading the development of a provincial green strategy to protect and enhance our environment while we grow our economy. Over the last year we have developed a formal consultation document and we are now undertaking formal consultation. Your input on how we could best move forward with Saskatchewan's Green Strategy is very much appreciated. Once fully developed, the Green Strategy will provide a vital framework for our province by providing a foundation for sustainable growth and a green and prosperous future.

Saskatchewan is also proud to be celebrating its centennial year with an economy that is booming and an economic growth rate well above the national average. Saskatchewan is demonstrating a new economic strength and prosperity. In the *Saskatchewan Action Plan for the Economy* the province made a commitment to expand the province's energy base and to develop a diversified energy economy. We are now in the process of setting out an energy policy that incorporates traditional and alternative energy sources, which reflects environmental considerations and examines new energy technologies in an effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate the effects of climate change.

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I have provided your paper to officials of my department for their review and consideration. It is my understanding that the paper was also provided to my colleague the Honourable Eric Cline, Minister of Industry and Resources, for his consideration. Once again, thank you for your thought-provoking paper.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DF', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

David Forbes  
Minister of Environment

cc: Honourable Eric Cline, Minister of Industry and Resources