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RE: Funding for TPH heat vulnerability project as part of Ontario Regional Adaptation Collaborative

Dear Dr. McKeown:

I can confirm that Natural Resources Canada has accepted Ontario's Regional Adaptation Collaborative proposal for funding consideration. The proposal includes Toronto Public Health's *Heat-related Vulnerability Assessment Approach, Model, and Mapping* project.

In the near future, and contingent on signing an agreement with Natural Resources Canada, the Ministry expects to establish a formal Transfer Payment funding agreement with Toronto Public Health. In total, \$135,000 would be allocated to Toronto Public Health for this project. NRCan's RAC funding program is scheduled to be complete by March 31, 2012. Based on the grant proposal submitted by TPH, these funds would enable TPH to retain Dr. Claus Rinner of Ryerson University, Dianne Patychuck of Steps to Equity, and Dr. Kate Bassil of Simon Fraser University to work with TPH to implement, test and refine a geospatially specific heat vulnerability assessment tool.

Once the Natural Resources Canada agreements are all in place, we look forward to working with you and your colleagues in Toronto on this exciting and meaningful initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen O'Neill".

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