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President  
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Dear CAEAL President:

This letter is to inform you that effective January 1, 2005, Environment Canada will recognize CAEAL as a laboratory accrediting body, delivering laboratory accreditations based on ISO/IEC 17025 and with CAEAL’s accreditation operations conforming to ISO/IEC Guide 58 (or ISO/IEC 17011 when it is implemented on January 1, 2006).

To maintain this recognition, CAEAL must provide Environment Canada with copies of any Guide 58 evaluation reports and a statement of CAEAL’s actions to address any non-conformities.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

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