

June 15, 2009

Ms. Koreen Anderson, President
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Dear Ms. Anderson,

Thank you very much for your letter of May 27, 2009 addressed to Dr. Stephen Duckett, President and Chief Executive Officer, Alberta Health Services, about qualifications of Environmental Public Health Leadership. I am pleased to respond on his behalf.

We are committed to the highest standards of certification for our entire professional staff in both front-line and leadership positions. In the recent competition for Director of Environmental Public Health, the posting and the job description called for professional certification in a health profession but did not specify the Canadian Institute for Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI). We have since corrected the job description to reflect this certification, and the successful candidate is certified with CIPHI.

I would like to assure you that Alberta Health Services, whether as its current entity or previously as regional health authorities, has been and will continue to be a strong supporter of CIPHI. We have supported placements for those students preparing for Board Certification and many of our Public Health Inspectors also serve as examiners for the Board Certification exams; I view this as an important contribution to the profession.

I appreciate CIPHI's commitment to health protection and look forward to a continuing supportive relationship.

Sincerely,



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