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Dear Mr. Hale:

Thank you for your August 28, 2013 letter which requests an audit of the Alberta Energy Regulator's monitoring, enforcement and reporting systems and policies as they relate to pipelines.

I wish to inform you that we will initiate such an audit as soon as reasonably possible, taking into consideration our internal processes for prioritizing and resourcing systems audits. This will dictate when an audit could commence.

In general terms, we will be auditing the government's monitoring systems to ensure compliance with Alberta's pipeline regulations. Our audit would include inspection and enforcement processes.

Thank you for raising your concerns with me. I appreciate receiving input from MLAs regarding the work of my office.

Yours truly,

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