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Dear Stakeholder:

The Industrial Wildfire Control Plan template has been updated for the 2009 fire season. The plan is a requirement under Section 23 of the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act* and applies to all industry operating from March 1st to November 31st within one kilometer of the Forest Protection Area. Companies are required to submit an updated plan for their operations in each SRD Area by the end of February. The information submitted will be used to enhance local knowledge and communication between local Forestry Division staff and industry working in the Forest Protection Area. Moreover, the plan will aid in enhancing emergency response and suppression capability strategies prior to and during a wildfire occurrence.

The following website link can be used to determine Forest Protection Branch's administrative boundaries for plan submission:

http://srd.alberta.ca/wildfires/pdf/SRD_Areas_8x11.pdf. The Industrial Wildfire Control Plan template can be downloaded from the following link:

<http://srd.alberta.ca/wildfires/information/forms.aspx>.

To facilitate a smooth transition in completion of this plan, we recommend your company appoint a liaison person to coordinate and discuss plan requirements and strategies with your local Wildfire Prevention Officer(s). Contact information can be found by using the following link: <http://srd.alberta.ca/informationcentre/offices.aspx>.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in protecting Alberta's forests from wildfire.

Sincerely,



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