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Mr. Tyler Gandam
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Dear Mr. Gandam:

Thank you for your letter and for sharing Alberta Municipalities' Resolution C3: Fires on Frozen Lakes and raising concerns about the potential environmental impacts.

The Government of Alberta will take this under consideration on how best to regulate the use of raised containers for fires on frozen lakes. Currently, the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* includes rules that apply. For example, it prohibits disposing of waste on public land unless placed in a proper container, and it prohibits disposing of waste on, in, or under water or ice. We encourage continued coordination with local environmental protection officers to deal with any violations.

Anyone burning – or witnessing the burning of – prohibited debris (such as wood containing preservatives, tires, pallets from construction sites, etc.) must report it to Environment and Protected Areas (EPA) by phoning the Environmental and Dangerous Goods Emergencies 24/7 toll-free line at 1-800-222-6514. Individuals can also report information online by visiting alberta.ca and searching for “Digital Regulatory Assurance System.” Early reporting helps EPA and local environmental protection officers to respond and provide advice on cleanup and containment.

If you have more questions, please contact Mr. John Collins, Compliance Program Manager, in Edmonton, at 780-868-6840, or at john.collins@gov.ab.ca.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Schulz
Minister of Environment and Protected Areas