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To: media@ec.gc.ca

Subject: **Media inquiry re flight operations that were conducted between 2009 and late 2021 in the province of Quebec**

Dear Sir, Madam,

I am an independent journalist based in Quebec, Canada. I am currently writing Part 3 of a series of articles about geoengineering and weather modification in Canada. My **publication deadline for this article is set for Tuesday, Oct. 24**. I apologise for the short delay, and if you need more time to respond please do so nonetheless and I can always add an addendum to my article.

It has come to my attention that **many flight operations have occurred in the province of Quebec between 2009 and late 2021 that were intended for the purpose of "spraying operations of substances"** ("**opérations d'épandage de produits**", as is stated in the original French). This information was provided following an ATI request for which links to the request and respective response is found hereunder:

- **(ATI) request: Requisition Number A-2022-00373**, URL: <https://open.canada.ca/en/search/ati/reference/02e9a86f0248eebe0912ed77febffa72>)
- And the **162-page unclassified response provided by Transport Canada**: https://www.geoengineeringfreecanada.com/files/ugd/0dc79a_df9d234e69e34f0ab56ab7bacf7b41a0.pdf

The **162-page response document provided by Transport Canada** shows the **approval of numerous flight operations which took place in the province of Quebec between from April 15, 2009 until the 15 of November, 2021**.

After having reviewed the contents of the 162-page document response, the following information appears to be missing (or is redacted) from the documents:

- The **names of the company or companies** conducting the spraying operations are **omitted**;
- The **names of the specific substances** used in these spraying operations are **not disclosed**;
- The **reasons or purpose** of these spraying operations are **not revealed**.

Accordingly, here are **my questions**:

1) Was Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) informed and aware of these particular flight spraying operations which took place in the province of Quebec?

2) Was ECCC informed or aware of as to which *substances* were used for these flight spraying operations?

3) Were any studies or impact assessments on health of humans and the natural environment

performed regarding the nature and substances used in these spraying operations? If so, can you provide the related information about these?

4) With regards to sections 72 and 73(1) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) which are concerned with 'Controlling Toxic Substances' and 'Substances and Assessments of Substances' and for which the Minister of the Environment is responsible for, can you tell me whether either the Minister or ECCC has conducted any assessment as to whether the substances used in the spraying operations over Quebec (as described above), were deemed of a toxic nature that could have posed risks to human health? If so, please provide the relevant details. If not, why not?

5) Do exchange of information mechanisms exist between ECCC and Transport Canada with regards to aerial spraying programs or other geoengineering- or weather modification-related activities conducted in Canadian airspace and over Canadian territory so as to ensure that they conform to existing environmental standards and laws prescribed in the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) and the provisions under the Weather Modification Information Act (of 1985)? If so, can you provide the related details?

I thank you in advance for your kind reply.

Respectfully,

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