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Subject: Invitation to March 31 Listening Session with the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry regarding legacy oil and gas wells and subsurface gas migration hazards
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Dear Mayor/Head of Council:

My ministry is leading the development of a comprehensive action plan to address risks from legacy oil and gas wells and subsurface gas migration hazards.

The development of the action plan will be a collaborative approach, with opportunities for input from all stakeholders.

To kickstart this work, my ministry will be hosting a series of listening sessions over the coming months to hear directly from key groups to understand specific concerns from their perspective.

I would like to invite Mayors and Heads of Councils to meet with me on March 31 to hear about the province's plans and ensure we are aligned with current and future municipal needs.

Additional sessions will be planned with municipal staff later this spring to hear directly from municipal experts on topics such as emergency preparedness, growth and development.

I look forward to meeting with you and hope you can attend one of the planned sessions in Chatham-Kent and Simcoe. For more information and to RSVP please contact Kathleen Anderson, Manager, Strategic Petroleum Initiatives Section, Regional Operational Division, at Kathleen.Anderson@ontario.ca. If you are unable to attend this session, I welcome you to identify an appropriate delegate to attend on your behalf. It would also be appreciated if you could confirm the appropriate contact for us to connect with regarding future municipal engagement sessions.

I look forward to working with you and hearing your perspective on this important initiative.

Yours Sincerely,

The Honourable Graydon Smith
Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry

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