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Dear Ms. Emond,

I am requesting that my allegations below be investigated in accordance with Schedule 8: Investigation and Resolution of Breach of Agency Policies of the MOU. Please let me know if you require further clarification.

Allegations of institution non-compliance

Case #1 : Allegations contained in my letter of December 12, 2005 have not been investigated. Attached is the list of allegations that Dr. Rowe believes have been addressed. My allegation of December 12, 2005 is not in the list. On December 22, 2005, Dr. Rowe acknowledged my letter of December 12 and confirmed that the allegations in that letter would be investigated. Dr. Rowe's letter of December 22, 2005 is attached.

Case #2 : On November 21, 2005, NSERC forwarded allegations contained in my letter of Oct. 12, 2005 to Queen's University. The allegations in my letter of Oct. 12, 2005 were against Josee Robert and R.W. Smith. On December 2, 2005, Queen's university confirmed to NSERC that investigation was near the end. But the allegations in my letter of October 12, 2005 were not investigated. It should be noted that Graduate School was not in a position to investigate allegations against Dr. Smith. Given that NSERC funding was involved, it was the responsibility of the VP (Research) office to investigate the allegations and report to NSERC in time.

According to the Tri-Council Policy Statement, it is the responsibility of the institution to investigate all possible instances of misconduct in research and scholarship, including determining whether a breach of integrity has taken place. I request that appropriate procedures be followed by the institution to clearly determine whether or not a breach of integrity took place.

Sincerely,

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