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Ms. Vivian Krause  
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Dear Ms. Krause:

This is in response to your e-mails of May 14, 2010 and June 3, 2010 regarding allegations of institutional non-compliance against the University of Alberta.

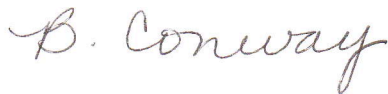
NSERC has completed its review of the allegations of institutional non-compliance and finds that there is no basis to conclude that the University did not comply with the *Memorandum of Understanding on Roles and Responsibilities in the Management (MOU) of Federal Grants*. NSERC considers the matter related to the allegations against the university closed.

For your information, NSERC has confirmed that the *University of Alberta Policy on Scholarship and Research Integrity* is fully compliant with the *Tri-Council Policy Statement on Integrity in Research and Scholarship (TCPS-I)* and the *Framework for Tri-Council Review of Institutional Policies Dealing with Integrity in Research*.

NSERC has also confirmed that the process followed for the treatment of your allegations followed the university's policy and NSERC's requirements. As per the university's policy, a complaint can be dismissed prior to a full investigation and the complainant only has an opportunity to comment during a full investigation.

In your e-mail of June 3, 2010 you note that the University of Alberta did not inform you that you could address your concerns to NSERC about NSERC funded-research. This is not in contravention of any NSERC policy. The MOU requires the university to report its findings to the Agency when an allegation of misconduct, made directly to the institution and involving, directly or indirectly, funds from an Agency grant or award, has been upheld by the institution. Please note that NSERC is not an avenue of appeal of the university's process and findings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "B. Conway".

Barbara Conway  
Corporate Secretary

c.c. Dr. Indira Samarasekera, President, University of Alberta  
Mr. Brad Hamdon, General Counsel, University of Alberta