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## Notices

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### Notice

Environment Quality Act  
(R.S.Q., c. Q-2)

#### **Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement — Study and public hearings mandate**

The Minister of State for Municipal Affairs and Greater Montréal, the Environment and Water and Minister of the Environment has given the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement (BAPE) the mandate to conduct a study and to hold public hearings on the sustainable development of swine production in Québec, in accordance with article 6.3 of the Environment Quality Act.

The BAPE will set the sustainable development framework for swine production, by taking into account the economic, social and environmental aspects. It will also examine the production models in Québec with respect to their strengths and weaknesses, and the impacts on rural and agricultural areas as well as on the processing sector. For this reason, the BAPE will propose one or more production models which promote harmony between the activities, while considering the favourable conditions for the development of swine production which respect the environment.

The BAPE mandate will begin on 15 September 2002, and the report containing observations and analyses will be submitted to the Minister no later than 15 September 2003.

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