



## Evaluation of the Western Diversification Program – Western Economic Partnership Agreements Management Response and Action Plan December 11, 2008

Recommendation	Action Plan	Responsibility	Expected Completion Date
<p><b>The Department should continue to work with the western provincial government to negotiate the renewal of the WEPAs for future years.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Western provincial governments (Manitoba and Saskatchewan) announced their participation in the WEPA's by including it in their budget estimates for 2008-09.</li><li>➤ The WEPAs respond appropriately to the needs of western Canada and are seen as an effective and affordable model by stakeholders.</li><li>➤ The WEPAs are recognized as a means of bringing both the provincial and federal governments to the table on shared priorities. This increases the coordination and cooperation between both levels of government.</li></ul>	<p>Agree – WD is currently in the process of negotiating the renewal of WEPA's with each of the four western provinces to continue to capitalize on the benefits outlined in the evaluation report.</p>	<p>Regional ADM's  Executive Director, Policy, Planning and Performance Measurement</p>	<p>March 31, 2009</p>