



THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF DURHAM

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Durham/York Residual Waste Study Environmental Assessment to be submitted to the Ontario Ministry of Environment on July 31

**WHITBY, ON** – Residents are advised that the Environmental Assessment (EA) related to the Durham/York Residual Waste Study—or proposed energy-from-waste (EFW) facility—will be submitted to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) on Friday, July 31.

This EA outlines, in its entirety, the steps taken in the Durham/York Residual Waste Study. The study began in 2005, when Durham and York Regions started working together to examine ways to manage residual waste—the waste that remains after composting and recycling. Submission of the final EA documentation, to the MOE, could only occur after approval of both Durham and York Regional Councils, which was provided in late June.

The EA documentation references thermal treatment—a high-temperature combustion technology—as the preferred method of dealing with Durham and York’s residual waste. Through this process, the waste is burned to create energy in the form of steam, electricity and heat. The primary purpose of the Durham/York facility, however, is to process the household waste (garbage) left over after Durham’s aggressive diversion efforts, such as recycling and composting.

This proposed EFW facility has a maximum design capacity of 400,000 tonnes, with the initial stage scheduled to process approximately 140,000 tonnes of waste. It will be designed, built and operated on the Clarington 01 site—a 12-hectare parcel located between Courtice Road and Osbourne Road in the Municipality of Clarington that is owned by The Regional Municipality of Durham.

As required under the *Environmental Assessment Act*, the EA will be available for public review and comment from Friday, Aug. 7 to Friday, Sept. 25. Documents may be reviewed at the following locations:

**Ministry of the Environment**  
Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch  
2 St. Clair Ave. W., Floor 12A  
Toronto, Ontario M4V 1L5

Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**York-Durham Ministry of the Environment**  
**District Office**  
230 Westney Rd. S., Floor 5  
Ajax, Ontario L1S 7J5

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[www.durham.ca](http://www.durham.ca)

**The Regional Municipality of Durham**

Clerk's Department  
605 Rossland Rd. E.  
Whitby, Ontario L1N 6A3

Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Municipal offices (Clerk's Department)**

Visit the local area municipality's website (Ajax, Brock, Clarington, Oshawa, Pickering, Scugog, Uxbridge and Whitby) to learn more about hours of operation.

**Durham/York Residual Waste Study website**

[www.durhamyorkwaste.ca](http://www.durhamyorkwaste.ca)

**The Regional Municipality of York**

Clerk's Department  
17250 Yonge St.  
Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1

Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Public libraries within Durham and York**

Please visit the local area municipality's website (Ajax, Brock, Clarington, Oshawa, Pickering, Scugog, Uxbridge and Whitby) to learn more about library locations and hours of operation.

Anyone wishing to provide comments on the EA must submit them in writing and/or by fax to the MOE by Friday, Sept. 25 to:

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Please note that a copy of all comments will be forwarded to the proponents for their consideration.

For more information on the Durham/York Residual Waste Study, visit [www.durhamyorkwaste.ca](http://www.durhamyorkwaste.ca), call 905-307-8628 (or toll-free at 1-866-398-4423), or email [info@durhamyorkwaste.ca](mailto:info@durhamyorkwaste.ca).

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