

TABLE 6
RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS
ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) TERMS OF REFERENCE

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Leonard S. L. Chen, P. Eng. Member of General Public Town of Whitby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All combustion processes release pollutant by-products into the atmosphere that impose adverse impacts on the environment and ecology. This contradicts the Regions' intents to maximize environmental protection and to foster wise management of potential resources. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtually all human and related activities impose some adverse impacts on the environment. In interpreting the Region's intent to maximize environmental protection, the magnitude of impacts and trade-offs must be considered. The investigation of these trade-offs and impacts is one of the purposes of this environmental assessment process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes to the content of the Draft EA Terms of Reference (September 2005) required.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cannot guarantee a market for energy production, and therefore the reliability of uninterrupted flow of MSW, from collection to ultimate disposal, via a Waste to Energy preferred alternative is questionable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Ontario market for electricity (ie. the demand by the grid) is very reliable. The market for heat is somewhat less reliable and more dependant on site specific factors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes to the content of the Draft EA Terms of Reference (September 2005) required.



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Leonard S. L. Chen, P. Eng. Member of General Public Town of Whitby <i>(cont'd)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is contradiction between shutting down all OPG fossil-fuel burning plants with the purpose of eliminating pollution, and now investing time and money towards implementing a pollution-producing waste management facility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you for your comment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes to the content of the Draft EA Terms of Reference (September 2005) required.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biological treatment (via aerobic composting) as an alternative is the most environmentally-friendly, reliable, and compatible with the stated intents of the Regions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The biological treatment of post-diversion residual waste will be evaluated as one of the “Alternatives to” that could be utilized to process Durham and York’s residual waste over the long-term. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes to the content of the Draft EA Terms of Reference (September 2005) required.

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Leonard S. L. Chen, P. Eng. Member of General Public Town of Whitby <i>(cont'd)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The majority of household waste consists of solicited organic materials, which need to be separated from other waste, both via at-source diversion and further recovery at a processing facility. These materials should then undergo “once through organic recycling” at a new facility to create acceptable grade compost. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The biological treatment of post-diversion residual waste to recover and process organic material will be evaluated as one of the “Alternatives to” that could be utilized to process Durham and York’s residual waste over the long-term. Under current Ontario environmental legislation the stabilized compost product which results from the biological composting of mixed solid waste is required to be landfilled. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes to the content of the Draft EA Terms of Reference (September 2005) required.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be consistent with provincial energy policy, pollution-oriented alternative should not be eligible for incentive payment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you for your comment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes to the content of the Draft EA Terms of Reference (September 2005) required.
Stan Serada Member of General Public, Oshawa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Regions should consider launching a program to offer reduced cost “Garborators” in order to reduce household soft waste (e.g. food scraps), and thereby reduce overall waste. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Region of Durham and York Region are in the processing of implementing Region-wide Curbside Organics collection programs to collect food waste at the curb to be composted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes to the content of the Draft EA Terms of Reference (September 2005) required.

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Matt Rushton Member of General Public, Cannington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Draft is well thought-out and very thorough and ought to be well-received by the MOE. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you for your comment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes to the content of the Draft EA Terms of Reference (September 2005) required.
Paul Greening Member of General Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How were the members of the J.M.G selected, and what is the purpose of the 6 non-voting members if they hold no real power to influence critical decisions? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Please refer to Appendix C, Schedule “A” of the EA Terms of Reference which provides the Terms of Reference for the Joint Waste Management Group (JWMG). This Terms of Reference includes a description of the composition of the JWMG and the rationale for have 6 non-voting members of the public. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>At the time of distribution of the Draft EA Terms of Reference, Appendix C was not yet available. Appendix C has been incorporated into the Proposed EA Terms of Reference.</i>
S.R. Rajadurai Member of General Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We should be making better use of nature’s energy; e.g. we should be using the cold of our region’s winters to cut down on refrigerator use. Less energy use means less waste. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you for your input. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes to the content of the Draft EA Terms of Reference (September 2005) required.

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S.R. Rajadurai Member of General Public <i>(cont'd)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Our society continues to be too dependent on paper, which increases our waste. The government should be encouraging less paper use. E.g. make utility and tax bills electronic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you for your input. This suggestion will be considered by the Region of Durham and York Region in identifying the means to reach 60% waste diversion by 2011. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes to the content of the Draft EA Terms of Reference (September 2005) required.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Products often have too much packaging. Industries should have to pay for the waste management of their packaging. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you for your input, however, as stated in Section 4.1.2 of the Draft EA Terms of Reference, the Regions of Durham and York do not have jurisdiction over packaging and other related aspects of commerce, which is a significant policy area required to reduce waste. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes to the content of the Draft EA Terms of Reference (September 2005) required.
Bryan Thompson Member of General Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry should be held responsible for the “waste glut”, with their production of over-packaged items and use of non-reusable/compostable packaging. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you for your input, however, as stated in Section 4.1.2 of the Draft EA Terms of Reference, the Regions of Durham and York do not have jurisdiction over packaging and other related aspects of commerce, which is a significant policy area required to reduce waste. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes to the content of the Draft EA Terms of Reference (September 2005) required.



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Bryan Thompson Member of General Public <i>(cont'd)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biodegradable packaging should be used where possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for your input, however, as stated in Section 4.1.2 of the Draft EA Terms of Reference, the Regions of Durham and York do not have jurisdiction over packaging and other related aspects of commerce, which is a significant policy area required to reduce waste. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes to the content of the Draft EA Terms of Reference (September 2005) required.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A charge should be applied to over-packaged items; even if it means that the consumer has to pay more for the end product. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for your input, however, as stated in Section 4.1.2 of the Draft EA Terms of Reference, the Regions of Durham and York do not have jurisdiction over packaging and other related aspects of commerce, which is a significant policy area required to reduce waste. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes to the content of the Draft EA Terms of Reference (September 2005) required.

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Bryan Thompson Member of General Public <i>(cont'd)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There should be an enforced limit to the amount of packaging waste that a manufacturer can produce. Upon reaching this limit, they must stop production of the packaged item. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you for your input, however, as stated in Section 4.1.2 of the Draft EA Terms of Reference, the Regions of Durham and York do not have jurisdiction over packaging and other related aspects of commerce, which is a significant policy area required to reduce waste. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes to the content of the Draft EA Terms of Reference (September 2005) required.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recycling of food waste is a nuisance (e.g. odour, critters), and will not “catch on”. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you for your comment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes to the content of the Draft EA Terms of Reference (September 2005) required.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste should be incinerated to create energy, as well as fuel for industry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The incineration of waste to create energy is one of the “Alternatives to” being considered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes to the content of the Draft EA Terms of Reference (September 2005) required.



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Bryan Thompson Member of General Public <i>(cont'd)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By-products of incineration should be used as ingredients for construction materials.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Once the preferred “Alternative to” has been identified, the composition of the by-products or post-processing residue can be determined.• These by-products are still generally classified as wastes by MOE and must be managed in accordance with established regulations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No changes to the content of the Draft EA Terms of Reference (September 2005) required.