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## 17. Closure

This EA document represents the culmination of approximately three years of work (since the approval of the EA Terms of Reference in March 2006). The document outlines the process followed to arrive at a preferred alternative and preferred method of managing the post-diversion residual waste generated by the two Regions that constitutes the Proposed Undertaking. Implementation of the Proposed Undertaking will provide Durham and York with a long-term, local, and sustainable waste management alternative that will ensure the protection of human health and the environment, while taking advantage of waste as a resource and generating energy for the local community.

This EA document has been prepared in accordance with the Ontario EAA, the Approved EA Terms of Reference (March 2006) for the Durham/York Residual Waste Study and the MOE Code of Practice for Preparing and Reviewing Environmental Assessments in Ontario.

Overall, this study has it is concluded that the Facility can be constructed, operated and closed in an environmentally safe and acceptable manner.

### ***Commitment to Continuous Improvement***

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