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## Testing Continues at Durham York Energy Centre

**WHITBY, ON** – The Regional Municipality of Durham, Works Department would like to remind residents and businesses that the new Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) has entered the testing phase.

Covanta, the facility operator, continues to conduct tests of the facility as part of the commissioning process. It should be expected that this testing will create occasional steam plumes and noise from the facility. The DYEC has entered the final phase of construction and increasingly start-up operational activities will begin onsite.

The DYEC will be Durham's primary long-term disposal option for waste that cannot be recycled or composted. The DYEC's maximum capacity is 140,000 tonnes of waste per year, which would generate 17.5 gross megawatts of renewable energy.

The facility will meet the most stringent environmental standards and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by keeping waste out of landfills, generating electricity and recovering metals for recycling. Compliance information will be available to the public, including access to all submitted reports and information, via an on-site display board and on the project website [www.durhamyorkwaste.ca](http://www.durhamyorkwaste.ca).

Funding for this project was made possible by the federal Gas Tax Fund. For more information on the Durham York Energy Centre, including project milestone announcements, visit [www.durhamyorkwaste.ca](http://www.durhamyorkwaste.ca), call toll-free at 1-800-667-5671, or email [info@durhamyorkwaste.ca](mailto:info@durhamyorkwaste.ca).

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