

September 29, 2014

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And

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Dear Ms. Garcia-Wright and Ms. Goyette:

**Re: Durham York Energy Centre Project
Submission of the Regional Municipality of York Waste Diversion Program
Monitoring Plan (Environmental Assessment Condition 10) MOE File No.: EA-08-02**

The attached "York Region 2013 Annual Waste Diversion Report" summarizes York Region's integrated waste management system. This report is being submitted to satisfy the Durham York Energy Centre Environmental Assessment condition for diversion reporting and will be posted on the York Region website www.york.ca/waste.

York Region, in partnership with our local municipalities, continues to strive for innovation and continuous improvement of waste management services to meet the needs of our growing population of over 1.1 million residents. Together we have developed the SM4RT Living Integrated Waste Management Master Plan that has set the course for waste management within York Region over the next 25 to 40 years. The Plan was approved by Regional Council in September 2013, allowing the Region to continue its position as a waste management leader. We will continue to focus on more sustainable waste management with an emphasis on driving reduction and reuse, while maximizing recycling, composting and energy recovery opportunities.

York Region's waste diversion monitoring is consistent with the Waste Diversion Ontario annual municipal datacall that gathers information on residential materials diverted and disposed by Ontario municipalities. In 2013, the Region achieved 59 per cent (WDO verification pending)

diversion from landfill after curbside collection, calculated in accordance with the Waste Diversion Ontario requirements.

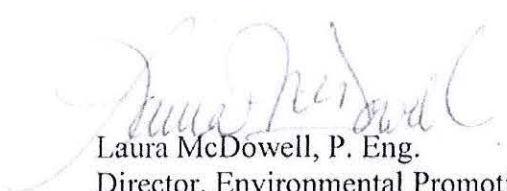
In 2013, York Region focused attention on increasing the diversion rate through a number of initiatives including:

- Construction of the Durham York Energy Centre
- Regional Council approval of the SM4RT Living Plan in September 2013, in collaboration with our 9 municipal partners
- Continued engagement in stewardship discussions in support of a balanced model of extended producer responsibility
- Launch of the multi-year Blue Box Contamination campaign, to educate residents on the items that do not belong in the blue box as well as best practices
- Consistent promotion and education including community outreach, special events and material recovery facility tours

Together with Durham Region, York Region's 2013 Waste Diversion Report has been submitted to the Energy from Waste Advisory Committee for information. In addition, the Annual Waste Diversion Report has been posted on the York Region website at www.york.ca/waste.

York and Durham Regions investment in the Durham York Energy Centre distinguishes York and Durham Regions as leaders in North America when it comes to energy and material recovery and considering residual waste as a resource. We trust that this 2013 Diversion Report meets expectations as outlined in the Minister's Notice of Approval. If you require additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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Director, Environmental Promotion and Protection

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Attachment

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