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Dear Ms. Paul 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 2014 Annual Diversion Report" is being submitted to satisfy the Durham York Energy Centre Environmental Assessment condition for diversion reporting. The report summarizes York Region's integrated waste management system that delivers sustainable waste management programs and infrastructure to residents.

York Region and our local municipalities, continues to strive for innovation and continuous improvement of waste management services to meet the needs of over 1.1 million residents. Together we have developed the SM4RT Living Integrated Waste Management Master Plan that outlines waste management within York Region over the next 25 to 40 years with a strong focus on reduction and reuse initiatives. A new addition to the Annual Diversion Report is the Balanced Scorecard that will be presented annually as an insert in the Diversion Report to provide an update on the implementation progress of the SM4RT Living Plan. York Region is a waste management leader and will continue to build on reduction and reuse efforts, 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 2014, the Region achieved 64.4 per cent (WDO verification pending) diversion from landfill after curbside collection, calculated in accordance with the Waste Diversion Ontario requirements.

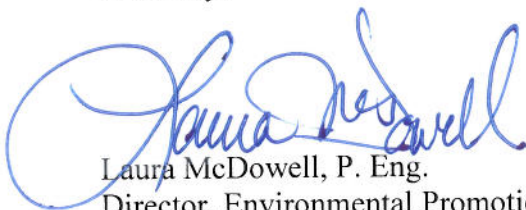
In 2014, York Region focused attention on reduction of waste generated as well as increasing diversion from landfill through a number of initiatives including:

- Development of a “Good Food” public education campaign focused on food waste reduction
- Implementation of 12 SM4RT Living Plan Initiatives with a strong focus on reduction and reuse as presented in the Balanced Scorecard insert
- Consistent promotion and education including community outreach, special events and material recovery facility tours
- Continued promotion of the Community Environmental Centres through the “Take Back your Space” campaign to educate residents on the items that can be reused and recycled
- Continued engagement in stewardship discussions in support of a balanced model of extended producer responsibility
- Construction of the Durham York Energy Centre Energy-from-Waste facility

Together with Durham Region, York Region's 2014 Annual Diversion Report has been submitted to the Energy-from-Waste Advisory Committee for information. In addition, the 2014 Annual Diversion Report has been posted on the York Region website at [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca).

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 2014 Annual Diversion Report meets expectations as outlined in the Notice of Approval. If you require additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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