



October 24, 2017

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Ms. Dolly Goyette  
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Dear Ms. Trevisan and Ms. Goyette:

**Re: Durham York Energy Centre Facility  
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 2016 Annual Solid Waste Diversion Report* is being submitted to satisfy the Durham York Energy Centre Environmental Assessment condition for diversion reporting. It has been submitted to the Energy-from-Waste Advisory Committee and posted on the York Region website at [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca). The Report summarizes York Region's integrated waste management system that delivers sustainable waste management programs and infrastructure to meet the needs of our growing communities.

York Region, in partnership with its nine local cities and towns, demonstrate leadership in sustainable waste management among municipalities in Ontario, through delivery of innovative solutions and waste management services to a population of nearly 1.2 million residents. York Region's Integrated Waste Management Master Plan, the SM4RT Living Plan, combines traditional waste management approaches with innovative community-driven programs that emphasize reduction, reuse and recycling before recovery. York Region continues to advocate sustainable waste management that includes recovery which derives a beneficial use of residual waste and should be recognized as diversion.

In 2016, the Region achieved 66.7 per cent diversion, calculated in accordance with the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority requirements (verification pending). Since 2012, York Region has ranked first for municipal diversion in the large urban category by the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority.

York Region continues to drive diversion from landfill and promote waste reduction through a number of initiatives and communication campaigns including:

- Better Blue Starts With You - multi-year blue box contamination campaign educates residents on items that do not belong in the blue box
- Bindicator – “Cut the Clutter” campaign promotes the use of York Region’s online waste look up tool that offers convenient outlets and options for reuse and recycling
- Curbside Giveaway Days – organized curbside swapping of reusable items
- Good Food program – continued focus on behaviour change to drive food waste reduction with a focus on local foods and a Flavours of Fall recipe contest
- Greener Garden Composting Challenge – backyard composting pilot program
- Trash Blasters – waste reduction education pilot program at elementary schools
- Textile Recycling – curbside and bin collection program for textiles and household goods

We trust that this satisfies Environmental Assessment Condition 10 in the Durham York Energy Centre approval, requiring annual diversion reporting. 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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