# **Durham York Energy Centre 2024 Compliance Monitoring Report**

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## 1.0 Introduction

#### 1.1 Purpose

The *Durham York Energy Centre 2024 Compliance Monitoring Report* has been prepared in accordance with Condition 5.3 of the Notice of Approval to Proceed with the Undertaking for the Durham and York Residual Waste Study (Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks, EAB File Number EA-08-02). Annual compliance reports are based on a reporting period ending November 3<sup>rd</sup> of each year, corresponding to the anniversary date of the Notice of Approval. This annual compliance report covers the period from November 3, 2023 to November 2, 2024.

Annual compliance monitoring reports follow the reporting structure established in the *Durham York Energy Centre Compliance Monitoring Program* submitted to the EAB Director on October 14, 2011 in accordance with Condition 4.1 of the Notice of Approval. As outlined in the Compliance Monitoring Program, the Annual Report consists of the following three parts.

Appendix A	EA Notice of Approval Compliance Table	Documents the proponent's progress on requirements of EA Notice of Approval
Appendix B	EA Study Document Compliance Table	Documents the proponent's progress on commitments made in the EA study document
Appendix C	Advisory Committee Annual Report	Provides a report on activities of the Advisory Committee during the reporting period as required by Condition 8.2 of the Notice of Approval

### 1.2 Background

The Durham York Energy Centre is an energy from waste facility located in the Municipality of Clarington, Ontario. The facility began receiving waste on February 9, 2015. Commissioning was completed in the fall of 2015, followed by Acceptance testing which led to commercial operations starting on January 28, 2016. Owned by the Regional Municipality of Durham and the Regional Municipality of York ("the Regions"), the facility processes up to 140,000 tonnes of solid, non-hazardous, municipal solid waste per year. Heat generated by waste combustion is used to generate electricity and steam. Recyclable metals (ferrous and non-ferrous) are also recovered from the ash. The facility is designed, built, and operated by Reworld Durham York Limited Partnership. The facility was approved under the *Environmental Assessment Act* by the Minister of the Environment and the Lieutenant Governor in Council on November 3, 2010. A multi-media Environmental Compliance Approval for waste, air and noise, and stormwater was issued on June 28, 2011 (#7306-8FDKNX). Facility construction commenced in January 2012 and full commercial operations commenced in January 2016 with the issuance of the Facility Acceptance Test certificate.



**EA Notice of Approval Compliance Table** 

Condition No.	Requirement		Status Remarks	Actual or Estimated Completion Date	Complete?
1.	Definitions				
	N/A	N/A		N/A	N/A
2.	General Requirements				
2.1	The proponent shall comply with the provisions in the environmental assessment which are hereby incorporated in this Notice of Approval by reference except as provided in these conditions and as provided in any other approval or permit that may be issued for the site or the undertaking.	•	Commitments in the EA are carried forward in the Environmental Compliance Approval.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
2.2	These conditions do not prevent more restrictive conditions being imposed under other statutes.	•	Agreed	N/A	Yes
2.3	A statement must accompany the submission of any documents, reporting requirements or written notices required by this Notice of Approval to be submitted to the Director or Regional Director identifying which conditions the submission is intended to address in this Notice of Approval.	•	Submissions under the EA have included identification of each Condition being satisfied.	N/A	Yes
3.	Public Record				
3.1	Where a document, plan or report is required to be submitted to the ministry, the proponent shall provide two copies of the final document, plan or report to the Director: a copy for filing in the specific public record file maintained for the undertaking and a copy for staff use.	•	Required by Condition 16 (1) of the Environmental Compliance Approval	Carried into the ECA	Yes
3.2	The proponent shall provide additional copies of the documents required for the public record file to the following for access by the public:  a) Regional Director; b) District Manager; c) Clerks of the Regional Municipality of Durham, the Regional Municipality of York, and the Municipality of Clarington; and, d) Advisory Committee (as required in Condition 8 of this Notice of Approval).	•	Ongoing	Carried into the ECA	Yes
3.3	The EAAB file number EA-08-02 shall be quoted on all documents submitted by the proponent pursuant to this Condition.	•	Ongoing	N/A	Yes
4.	Compliance Monitoring Program				
4.1	The proponent shall prepare and submit to the Director a Compliance Monitoring Program outlining how it will comply with conditions in the Notice of Approval and other commitments made in the environmental assessment	•	The Compliance Monitoring Program was submitted to the Director and Advisory Committee via letter dated October 14, 2011.	October 2011	Yes

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	A statement shall accompany the submission of the Compliance Monitoring Program indicating that the submission is intended to fulfil Condition 4 of this Notice of Approval.	•	See Section 1.1 of the Compliance Monitoring Program.	October 2011	Yes
4.3	The Compliance Monitoring Program shall be submitted within one year from the date of approval, or a minimum of 60 days prior to the start of construction, whichever is earlier.	•	The Compliance Monitoring Program was submitted on October 14, 2011. This was within one year of the November 3, 2010, approval date.  The October 14, 2011, submission date was more than 60 days prior to the start of construction in January 2012.	October 2011	Yes
	The Compliance Monitoring Program shall describe how the proponent will monitor its fulfilment of the provisions of the environmental assessment pertaining to the mitigation measures, public consultation, and additional studies and work to be carried out; the fulfilment of all other commitments made by the proponent during the environmental assessment process; and the conditions included in this Notice of Approval.		Progress will be tracked on the compliance tables provided in Appendix A and Appendix B.	October 2011	Yes
4.5	The Compliance Monitoring Program shall contain an implementation schedule.	•	Agreed	October 2011	Yes
4.6	The Director may require amendments to the Compliance Monitoring Program, including the implementation schedule. If any amendments are required by the Director, the Director will notify the proponent of the required amendments in writing.	•	Agreed	N/A	Yes
4.7	The proponent shall implement the Compliance Monitoring Program, as it may be amended by the Director.	•	Agreed	N/A	Yes
4.8	The proponent shall make the documentation pertaining to the Compliance Monitoring Program available to the ministry or its designate in a timely manner when requested to do so by the ministry.	•	Required by Condition 14 (1) of the Environmental Compliance Approval	N/A	Yes
5.	Compliance Reporting				
	The proponent shall prepare an annual Compliance Report which describes its compliance with the conditions of approval set out in this Notice of Approval and which describes the results of the proponent's environmental assessment Compliance Monitoring Program required by Condition 4.	•	This annual compliance report covers the period from November 3, 2023 to November 2, 2024.	November 3, 2011, and annually thereafter until all EA conditions are met.	Yes
	The annual Compliance Report shall be submitted to the Director within one year from the date of approval, with the first report being due in 2011, and shall cover all activities of the previous 12-month period.	•	Compliance Monitoring Reports have been submitted annually since 2011.	November 3, 2011, and annually thereafter	Yes

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5.3	Subsequent compliance reports shall be submitted to the Director on or before the anniversary of the date of approval each year thereafter. Each Compliance Report shall cover all activities of the previous 12-month period.	•	Compliance Monitoring Reports have been submitted annually since 2011.	November 3, 2011, and annually thereafter	Yes
5.4	The proponent shall submit annual Compliance Reports until all conditions in this Notice of Approval and the commitments in the environmental assessment are satisfied.	•	Agreed	November 2024	Ongoing
5.5	Once all conditions in this Notice of Approval have been satisfied, or have been incorporated into any other ministry approval, the proponent shall indicate in its annual Compliance Report that the Compliance Report is its final Compliance Report and that all conditions in this Notice of Approval have been satisfied.	•	Agreed	November 2024	No
5.6	The proponent shall retain either on site or in another location approved by the Director, a copy of each of the annual Compliance Reports and any associated documentation of compliance monitoring activities.	•	Reports to be retained on site. See Section 1.3 of the Compliance Monitoring Program.  Required by Condition 14(2) of the Environmental Compliance Approval.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
5.7	The proponent shall make the Compliance Reports and associated documentation available to the ministry or its designate in a timely manner when requested to do so by the ministry.	•	Agreed Required by Condition 14(1) of the Environmental Compliance Approval.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
6.	Complaint Protocol				
6.1	The proponent shall prepare and implement a Complaint Protocol setting out how it will deal with and respond to inquiries and complaints received during the design, construction and operation of the undertaking.	•	Protocol submitted to the Director via letter dated March 10, 2011. Director requested minor modifications to protocol in letter dated March 25, 2011.  Revised protocol approved by the Director via letter dated July 13, 2011.	March 10, 2011	Yes
6.2	The Complaint Protocol shall be provided to the advisory committee for review prior to submission to the Director.	•	Protocol was reviewed by the Advisory Committee on January 20, 2011, and revised based on comments received by January 31, 2011.	January 20, 2011	Yes
6.3	The proponent shall submit the Complaint Protocol to the Director within one year from the date of approval or a minimum of 60 days prior to the start of construction, whichever is earlier.	•	Protocol was submitted within one year of the November 3, 2010, date of approval.  March 10, 2011, submission date was more than 60 days prior to the start of construction in January 2012.	March 10, 2011	Yes
6.4	The Director may require the proponent to amend the Complaint Protocol at any time. Should an amendment be required, the Director will notify the proponent in writing of the required amendment and date by which the amendment must be completed.	•	Complaint Procedure is required by Condition 10 of the ECA.	N/A	Yes

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6.5	The proponent shall submit the amended Complaint Protocol to the Director within the time period specified by the Director in the notice.	•	Complaint Procedure is required by Condition 10 of the ECA.	N/A	Yes
7.	Community Involvement				
7.1	The proponent shall prepare and implement a Community Communications Plan. The plan shall be prepared in consultation with the EAAB and to the satisfaction of the Director.	•	Regions submitted a final plan via letter dated September 18, 2013. This plan was submitted prior to receipt of waste. The Community Communications Plan was approved by the Director via letter dated September 30, 2013.	September 18, 2013	Yes
7.2	The proponent shall finalize and submit the Community Communications Plan to the Director prior to the initial receipt of non-hazardous municipal solid waste at the site.	•	Regions submitted a final plan via letter dated September 18, 2013. This plan was submitted prior to receipt of waste.	September 18, 2013.	Yes
	The Community Communications Plan shall include at a minimum details on:  a) How the proponent plans to disseminate information to interested members of the public and any Aboriginal communities; b) How interested members of the public and any Aboriginal communities will be notified and kept informed about site operations; and, c) The procedures for keeping interested members of the public and Aboriginal communities informed about information on documents related to the undertaking, and when and how the information will be made available.	•	Completed.	September 18, 2013.	Yes
	The proponent shall give notice of and provide information about the undertaking to interested members of the public and Aboriginal communities through an internet web site and by other means. Such information shall include:  a) Activities that are part of the undertaking, including monitoring activities; b) Reports and records related to the undertaking that are required to be submitted under this Notice of Approval or under any other ministry approvals that apply to the undertaking; and, c) Information on the Complaint Protocol required by Condition 6 of this Notice of Approval.	•	Web site is currently operational.  Documents posted on the website currently include, but are not limited to, the Complaint Protocol, Environmental Compliance Approval, Archived EA documentation, Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan, Soil Monitoring Plan, Ambient Air Monitoring Plan, Emissions Monitoring Plan, Noise Monitoring Plan, Odour Management and Mitigation Plan, Compliance Monitoring Plan, Community Communications Plan, Waste Diversion Program Monitoring Plan, Third Party Audit Plan, Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Plan, Advisory Committee advertisements, agendas, and minutes, and annual monitoring reports prepared in accordance with the approved monitoring plans.  Additional information will be posted to the website as it becomes available.  Required by ECA Condition 16: Public Access to Documentation.	Carried into the ECA	Yes

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7.5	The proponent shall hold public meetings to discuss the design, construction and operation of the undertaking, including, but not limited to:  a) At least one meeting prior to the start of construction; b) At least one meeting prior to the receipt of non-hazardous municipal solid waste on site; and, c) At least one meeting a minimum of six months but not later than 12 months after the initial receipt of non-hazardous municipal solid waste on the site.	•	Pre-construction public meeting was held at the Durham Regional Offices on December 7, 2011, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm.  Public meeting prior to receipt of waste was held in Clarington on June 25, 2014, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.  Public meeting within 12 months of first receipt of waste was held at the Durham York Energy Centre on February 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2016, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.	December 2011 June 2014 February 2016	Yes
7.6	The proponent shall provide notice of the public meetings a minimum of 15 days prior to the meeting.	•	Meeting notices for the December 2011 pre-construction meeting were advertised in local newspapers during the week of November 14, 2011, and posted on the project website.  Meeting notices for the June 2014 prior to receipt of waste meeting were advertised in local newspapers from May 28 through June 5, 2014.  Meeting notices for the February 2016 meeting were advertised in local papers from January 20th to February 3rd, 2016.	November 2011 June 2014 January 2016	Yes
7.7	The proponent shall give the Director written notice of the time, date and location of each of the required community meetings a minimum of 15 days prior to the meeting.	•	The MECP Environmental Approvals Branch and District Office received an invitation to the December 7, 2011, pre-construction meeting on November 18, 2011.  The MECP Environmental Approvals Branch District and Central Offices received an invitation to the June 25, 2014, prior to waste meeting on June 3, 2014.  The MECP Environmental Approvals Branch District and Central Offices received an invitation to the February 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2016, meeting via letter dated January 18, 2016.	November 2011 June 2014 January 2016	Yes
8.	Advisory Committee				
8.1	The proponent shall establish an advisory committee to ensure that concerns about the design, construction and operation of the undertaking are considered and mitigation measures are implemented where appropriate.	•	Complete Required by ECA Condition 17: Advisory Committee.	January 20, 2011 Carried into the ECA	Yes
	The proponent shall provide administrative support for the advisory committee including, at a minimum:  a) Providing a meeting space for advisory committee meetings; b) Recording and distributing minutes of each meeting; c) Preparing and distributing meeting notices; and, d) Preparing an annual report about the advisory committee's activities to be submitted as part of the Compliance Reports required by Condition 5 of this Notice of Approval.	•	Meeting minutes and related correspondence are posted on the project website.  Annual report on advisory committee activities is included as Appendix C of this report.  Required by ECA Condition 17, and the Energy from Waste Advisory Committee (EFWAC) approved Terms of Reference.	N/A	Yes

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8.3	The proponent shall invite one representative from each of the following to participate on the advisory committee:  a) Each of the lower tier municipalities in the Regional Municipality of Durham; and, b) Each of the lower tier municipalities in the Regional Municipality of York.	•	Letters of invitation dated December 15, 2010, were sent to all listed municipalities.	December 15, 2010	Yes
8.4	The proponent shall invite one representative from Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority, and any other local conservation authorities that may have an interest in the undertaking to participate on the advisory committee.	•	Letter of invitation dated December 15, 2010, was sent to Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority.	December 15, 2010	Yes
8.5	The proponent shall invite one representative from each of the following local community groups to participate on the advisory committee:  a) DurhamCLEAR; b) Durham Environmental Watch c) Zero Waste 4 Zero Burning	•	Letters of invitation dated December 15, 2010 were sent to all listed local community groups.	December 15, 2010	Yes
8.6	The proponent may also invite other stakeholders to participate in the advisory committee, including but not limited to, interested members of the public, Aboriginal communities, and other federal or provincial agencies.	•	Letters of invitation dated December 15, 2010, were sent to Durham Region Health Department and York Region Public Health Services.  Aboriginal communities received separate invitation to participate in other consultation activities. See Condition 9.1	December 15, 2010	Yes
8.7	A representative from the ministry shall be invited to attend meetings as an observer.	•	Letters of invitation dated December 15, 2010, were sent to MECP District Manager.	December 15, 2010	Yes
	The advisory committee shall be provided with a copy of the documents listed below for information and may review the documents as appropriate and provide comments to the proponent about the documents, including the:  a) Compliance Monitoring Program required by Condition 4; b) Annual Compliance Report required by Condition 5; c) Complaint Protocol required by Condition 6; d) Community Communications Plan required by Condition 7; e) The annual reports required by Condition 10; f) Ambient Air Monitoring and Reporting Plan and the results of the ambient air monitoring program required by Condition 11; g) Air Emissions Monitoring Plan required by Condition 12; h) Written report prepared and signed by the qualified professional required by Condition 16.5; i) Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Plan required by Condition 17;	•	Advisory Committee has reviewed and provided comments where applicable to the following documents:  Advisory Committee Terms of Reference Compliance Monitoring Plan 2011-2024 Annual Compliance Reports Complaint Protocol Community Communications Plan 2010 to 2023 Annual Waste Diversion Reports Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Plan 2013 to 2024 Ambient Air Quarterly and Annual reports Air Emissions Monitoring and Reporting Plan Third Party Auditor's Reports prepared by a qualified professional as required by Condition 16.5 Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Plan Odour Management and Mitigation Plan	Carried into the ECA	Yes

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	<ul> <li>j) Odour Management and Mitigation Plan and the Odour Management and Mitigation Monitoring Reports required by Condition 18;</li> <li>k) Noise Monitoring and Reporting Plan as required by Condition 19;</li> <li>l) Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan, the results of the groundwater and surface water monitoring program, and the annual report on the results of the groundwater and surface water monitoring program required by Condition 20; and,</li> <li>m) Notice in writing of the date that municipal solid waste is first received as required by Condition 23.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan</li> <li>2012 to 2023 Annual Groundwater and Surface Water reports covering the previous year activities</li> <li>Soil Testing Plan</li> <li>Details of first receipt of waste and fire were brought to EFWAC via</li> </ul>		
8.9	The proponent shall hold the first advisory committee meeting within three months of the date of approval. At the first meeting, the advisory committee shall develop a Terms of Reference outlining the governance and function of the advisory committee.	<ul> <li>First meeting held January 20, 2011 was within three months of November 3, 2010, date of approval.</li> <li>Draft Terms of Reference were reviewed by the Committee and revised based on comments received both at the meeting or submitted in writing by February 14, 2011.</li> </ul>	January 20, 2011	Yes
8.10	The Terms of Reference shall, at minimum, include:  a) Roles and responsibilities of the advisory committee members; b) Frequency of meetings; c) Member code of conduct; d) Protocol for dissemination and review of information including timing; and, e) Protocol for dissolution of the advisory committee.	<ul> <li>Terms of Reference submitted to MECP via letter dated February 18, 2011.</li> <li>Terms of Reference approved via letter from the Director dated March 4, 2011.</li> </ul>	February 18, 2011	Yes
8.11	The proponent shall submit the advisory committee's Terms of Reference to the Director and Regional Director.	<ul> <li>Terms of Reference submitted to MECP via letter dated February 18, 2011.</li> <li>Terms of Reference approved via letter from the Director dated March 4, 2011.</li> </ul>	February 18, 2011	Yes

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9.	Consultation With Aboriginal Communities				
9.1	The proponent shall continue to consult with any interested Aboriginal communities during the detailed design and implementation of the undertaking.	•	Letters dated March 14, 2011, were sent to 22 Aboriginal communities inviting them to meet with the project team to discuss future consultation efforts.  Letters dated October 26, 2012, to Aboriginal Communities identified in the EA to advise of project updates and the project website as a resource for continuous updates.  The MECP EAB Director, Regional Director, and Approvals Program Director were copied on all correspondence to Aboriginal Communities.	Ongoing	Yes
10.	Waste Diversion				
10.1	The proponent shall make a reasonable effort to work cooperatively with all lower tier municipalities to ensure that waste diversion programs, policies and targets set by the Regional Municipalities are being met.	•	Both Regions continue to work with local municipalities to improve waste diversion and report waste diversion statistics to the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority annually. Both Regions have long term waste management and diversion plans in place.	Ongoing	Yes
10.2	The proponent shall prepare and implement a Waste Diversion Program Monitoring Plan.	•	Waste Diversion Program Monitoring Plans for Durham Region and York Region were submitted to the EAB Director and Regional Director on October 21, 2011.  The EAB Director approved the Waste Diversion Program Monitoring Plans via letter dated November 25, 2011.	October 21, 2011	Yes
10.3	<ul> <li>The Waste Diversion Program Monitoring Plan shall provide a description of monitoring and reporting which shall at minimum include:</li> <li>a) Results of at source diversion programs and policies to determine the waste diversion rates and practices at both the regional and lower tier municipal level within the Regional Municipalities of Durham and York.</li> <li>b) Progress in the diversion programs, policies, practices and targets described in the environmental assessment, at both the regional and lower tier municipal level within the Regional Municipalities of Durham and York.</li> <li>c) Monitoring results for any additional diversion programs, policies, practices and targets carried out within the Regional Municipalities of Durham and York, which are not described in the environmental assessment.</li> </ul>	•	Completed	October 21, 2011	Yes
10.4	The proponent shall prepare and submit to the Director and Regional Director, commencing one year after the approval of the undertaking,	•	2023 annual monitoring report will be submitted to the Director and Regional Director by November 3, 2024.	Ongoing	Yes

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	annual reports detailing the results of the Waste Diversion Program Monitoring Plan.	•	Future monitoring reports to be submitted by November $3^{\rm rd}$ of each successive year.		
	The proponent shall post the Waste Diversion Program Monitoring Plan and the annual reports required on the proponent's web site for the undertaking.	•	The Waste Diversion Monitoring Plan and annual reports for Durham and York Regions are posted on the project website.	Ongoing	Yes
11.	Ambient Air Monitoring and Reporting				
	The proponent shall prepare, in consultation with the ministry's Central Region Office and to the satisfaction of the Regional Director, an Ambient Air Monitoring and Reporting Plan for the undertaking.	• • • •	Final Plan submitted to the Regional Director August 31, 2011. Consultation activities described under Condition 11.3. MECP Approval via letter dated May 30, 2012. MECP Approval of monitoring locations via letter dated June 5, 2012.	August 31, 2011	Yes
	The proponent shall submit the Ambient Air Monitoring and Reporting Plan to the Director and Regional Director a minimum of nine months prior to the start of construction or by such other date as agreed to in writing by the Regional Director.		Submission deadline revised to August 31, 2011, via letter from the Director dated June 30, 2011. Submitted August 31, 2011	August 31, 2011	Yes
	The proponent shall establish a working group that will provide advice on the development of the Ambient Air Monitoring and Reporting Plan. The Regions will, at a minimum, extend an invitation to Health Canada, the Durham Region Health Department, York Region Public Health Services, one participant from the advisory committee, and any other relevant federal or provincial government agencies including the ministry.	•	Letters of invitation dated March 16, 2011, were sent to all listed working group participants with copies to the Director and Regional Director.  Two participants were appointed by the Advisory Committee. Health Canada declined to participate. At Health Canada's suggestion, a representative from the Ontario Ministry of Health participated instead. First working group meeting occurred on April 28, 2011. Monitoring plan was revised based on comments received from the working group and circulated for comments to the MECP Central Region Office, the Ambient Air Monitoring Working Group, and the Advisory Committee on July 7, 2011. The monitoring plan was revised based on comments received by August 15, 2011. The Final Monitoring Plan was submitted to the Regional Director on August 31, 2011.	March 16, 2011	Yes
11.4	The Ambient Air Monitoring and Reporting Plan shall include at minimum:  a) An ambient air monitoring program which includes an appropriate number of sampling locations. Siting of the sampling locations shall be done in accordance with the Ministry of the Environment's Operations Manual for Air Quality Monitoring in Ontario, March 2008, as amended from time to time;	•	The submitted document meets these requirements. The Regions and the MECP met and discussed the 2023 annual report on October 16, 2024.	May 30, 2012	Yes

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	<ul> <li>b) The proposed start date for and frequency of the ambient air monitoring and reporting to be carried out;</li> <li>c) The contaminants that shall be monitored as part of the Ambient Air Monitoring and Reporting Plan; and,</li> <li>d) At least one meeting on an annual basis between the proponent and the Regional Director to discuss the plan, the results of the ambient air monitoring program and any changes that are required to be made to the plan by the Regional Director.</li> </ul>				
	The proponent shall implement the ambient air monitoring program prior to the receipt of non-hazardous municipal solid waste on the site or at such other time that may be determined by the Regional Director and communicated to the proponent in writing and shall continue the monitoring until such time as the Regional Director notifies the proponent in writing that the Ambient Air Monitoring Program is no longer required.	•	Agreed Submitted plan includes monitoring of ambient air for one year prior to facility commissioning to establish background concentrations. Ambient Air monitoring commenced in April 2013.	April 2013	Yes
11.6	The Regional Director may require changes to be made to the Ambient Air Monitoring and Report Plan and the proponents shall implement the plan in accordance with the required changes.		Addressing revisions required by the MECP to the Plan are included in the Ambient Air Monitoring and Reporting Plan.  The implementation and reporting of Ambient Air Monitoring is a requirement of ECA Condition 7(4)	Carried into the ECA	Yes
11.7	The proponent shall report the results of the ambient air monitoring program to the Regional Director in accordance with the Ambient Air Monitoring and Reporting Plan.	•	Agreed In accordance with ECA Condition 7(4)(c) ambient air results will be posted to the website upon submission to the MECP Regional Director.  Quarterly Reports and annual Ambient Air Monitoring Reports have been posted to the project website.  The implementation and reporting of Ambient Air Monitoring is a requirement of ECA Condition 7(4).	Carried into the ECA	Yes
	Audits will be conducted by the ministry, as outlined in the Ministry of the Environment's Audit Manual for Air Quality Monitoring in Ontario, March 2008 to confirm that siting and performance criteria outlined in the Operations Manual are met. The proponent shall implement any recommendations set out in the audit report regarding siting of the sampling locations and performance criteria. The proponent shall implement the recommendations in the audit report within three months of the receipt of an audit report from the ministry.	•	The monitoring program was written with reference to the MECP Audit Manual. The MECP, Central Region, Technical Support Section conducts performance and site audits of the ambient air monitoring stations regularly.  The implementation and reporting of Ambient Air Monitoring is a requirement of ECA Condition 7(4).	Carried into the ECA	Yes
11.9	The proponent shall post the Ambient Air Monitoring and Reporting Plan and the results of the ambient air monitoring program on the proponent's web site for the undertaking upon submission of the plan or results of the program to the ministry.	•	The Ambient Air Monitoring and Reporting Plan has been posted on the website.  Ambient Air Monitoring Reports will be posted to the website as they are completed.	Carried into the ECA	Yes

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		•	The implementation and reporting of Ambient Air Monitoring is a requirement of ECA Condition 7(4)		
12.	Emissions Monitoring				
12.1	The proponent shall install, operate and maintain air emissions monitoring systems that will record the concentrations of the contaminants arising from the incineration of waste.	•	Requirement of Environmental Compliance Approval Condition 7(2).	Carried into the ECA	Yes
12.2	The air emissions monitoring systems shall be installed and operational prior to the receipt of non-hazardous municipal solid waste at the site.	•	Requirement of Environmental Compliance Approval Condition 7(2).  First receipt of waste occurred on February 9, 2015  Continuous emissions monitoring system was installed and operational prior to first receipt of waste.	February 9, 2015	Yes
12.3	The proponent shall prepare and implement an Air Emissions Monitoring Plan. The Plan shall be prepared, in consultation with the ministry and to the satisfaction of the Director.	•	Air Emissions Monitoring Plan submitted for comments to the MECP and to the Advisory Committee via letter dated July 23, 2011.  Final plan incorporating comments from MECP and Advisory Committee submitted via letter dated August 31, 2011  MECP provided comments via letter dated August 21, 2012.  Regions and Covanta revised the Air Emissions Monitoring Plan on October 5, 2012, November 8, 2012, and February 11, 2013, to address comments from the MECP.  The Air Emissions Monitoring Plan was approved by the MECP Director via letter dated April 9, 2013.	August 31, 2011	Yes
	<ul> <li>The Air Emissions Monitoring Plan shall include, at a minimum:</li> <li>a) Identification of all sources of air emissions at the site to be monitored;</li> <li>b) Identification of which contaminants will be monitored by continuous emissions monitoring and which by stack testing;</li> <li>c) The proposed start date for and frequency of air emissions monitoring;</li> <li>d) The frequency of and format for reporting the results of air emissions monitoring;</li> <li>e) The contaminants that shall be monitored, which shall include at a minimum those contaminants set out in Schedule 1 to this Notice of Approval; and,</li> <li>f) A notification, investigation and reporting protocol to be used in the event that the concentration(s) of one or more of the contaminants released from an emission source that requires approval under Section 9 of the Environmental Protection Act exceeded the relevant limits.</li> </ul>	•	Completed.	August 31, 2011	Yes

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12.5	The proponent shall submit the Air Emissions Monitoring Plan to the Director, a minimum of six months prior to the start of construction or by such other date as agreed to in writing by the Director.	•	Director revised submission deadline to August 31, 2011, via letter dated June 30, 2011. Plan submitted August 31, 2011	August 31, 2011	Yes
	The proponent shall implement the Air Emissions Monitoring Plan such that the monitoring commences when the first discharges are emitted from the facility to the air or at such other time as the Director may agree to in writing and shall continue until such time as the Director notifies the proponent in writing that the Air Emissions Monitoring Plan is no longer required.	•	ECA Condition 5 details requirements for operation and maintenance of the air pollution control (APC) and continuous emissions monitoring systems (CEMS) equipment.  ECA Condition 6 details the facility performance requirements for combustion, APC and CEMS.  ECA Condition 13 details actions required to notify the MECP in the event of a spill.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
12.7	The proponent shall post the reports of the air emissions monitoring systems on the proponent's web site for the undertaking.	•	Required by Condition 16 (1) (a) of the Environmental Compliance Approval.  Web site reporting of emissions monitoring is ongoing.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
	For those contaminants that are monitored on a continuous basis, the proponent shall post on the proponent's website for the undertaking the results of the monitoring for each of those contaminants in real time.	•	Web site reporting of emissions monitoring is ongoing. Required by ECA Condition 16 (2)	Carried into the ECA	Yes
13.	Air Emissions Operational Requirements				
	The proponent is expected to operate the undertaking in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Notice of Approval. If the facility is not operating in accordance with Schedule 1, the operator is required to take steps to bring the facility back within these operational requirements.	•	All air emissions operational and monitoring requirements of the Environmental Assessment are carried into the ECA.  During the period covered by this report, the facility was compliant with all air emissions requirements in Schedule 1.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
13.2	Schedule 1 sets out the operational requirements the ministry expects the facility to meet during the normal operating conditions of the facility when operating under a steady state but does not include start up, shut down, or malfunction.	•	Schedule 1 is carried into the ECA as Schedule "C".  ECA Condition 5 details requirements for operation and maintenance of the air pollution control (APC) and continuous emissions monitoring systems (CEMS) equipment.  ECA Condition 6 details the facility performance requirements for combustion, APC and CEMS.  ECA Condition 7 details the testing and monitoring requirements of the CEMS.  ECA Condition 13 details actions required to notify the MECP in the event of a spill.  Schedule "F" of the ECA details the CEMS specifications required by the MECP.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
13.3	The timing and frequency of monitoring for a contaminant in Schedule 1 shall be as required by the approval granted to the facility under the <i>Environmental Protection Act</i> , should approval be granted.	•	Timing and frequency are in accordance with Schedule "C" of the Environmental Compliance Approval.  ECA Condition 7 details timing and frequency for source testing.	Carried into the ECA	Yes

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14.	Daily Site Inspection				
14.1	The proponent shall conduct a daily site inspection of the site including the non-hazardous municipal solid waste received at the site, each day the undertaking is in operation to confirm that:	•	Agreed See Environmental Compliance Approval Conditions 3 (6), 3 (7), 3 (8), 5 (5), 14 (3), and 14 (5).	Carried Into the ECA	Yes
	<ul> <li>a) The site is secure;</li> <li>b) The operation of the undertaking is not causing any nuisance impacts;</li> <li>c) The operation of the undertaking is not causing any adverse effects on the environment;</li> <li>d) The undertaking is being operated in compliance with the conditions in this Notice of Approval and any other ministry approvals issued for the undertaking; and,</li> <li>e) Only non-hazardous waste is being received at the site.</li> </ul>				
	If, as a result of the daily inspection, any deficiencies are noted by the employee in regard to the factors set out in Condition 14.1 above, the deficiency shall be remedied immediately by the proponent. If necessary to remedy the deficiency, the proponent shall cease operations at the site until the deficiency has been remedied.	•	Agreed See Environmental Compliance Approval Conditions 5 (5), 14 (3), and 14 (5).	Carried into the ECA	Yes
	A record of the daily inspections shall be kept in the daily log book required in Condition 15. The information below must be recorded in the daily log book by the person completing the inspection and includes the following information:	•	Agreed See Environmental Compliance Approval Conditions 5 (5), 14 (3), and 14 (5).	Carried into the ECA	Yes
	<ul> <li>a) The name and signature of the person that conducted the daily inspection;</li> <li>b) The date and time of the daily inspection;</li> <li>c) A list of any deficiencies discovered during the daily inspection;</li> <li>d) Any recommendations for action; and,</li> <li>e) The date, time, and description of actions taken.</li> </ul>				
	The proponent shall retain either on site or in another location approved by the District Manager, a copy of the daily log book and any associated documentation regarding the daily site inspections.	•	Agreed See Environmental Compliance Approval Conditions 5 (5), 14 (3), and 14 (5). Required by Condition 14 (2) of the Environmental Compliance Approval.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
15.	Daily Record Keeping				
15.1	The proponent shall maintain a written daily log which shall include the following information:  a) Date;	•	Agreed See Environmental Compliance Approval Conditions 5 (5), 14 (3), and 14 (5).	Carried into the ECA	Yes

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	<ul> <li>b) Types, quantities, and source of non-hazardous municipal solid waste received;</li> <li>c) Quantity of unprocessed, processed and residual non-hazardous municipal solid waste on the site;</li> <li>d) Quantities and destination of each type of residual material shipped from the site;</li> <li>e) The record of daily site inspections required to be maintained by Condition 14.3;</li> <li>f) A record of any spills or process upsets at the site, the nature of the spill or process upset and the action taken for the clean up or correction of the spill or process upset, the time and date of the spill or process upset, and for spills, the time that the ministry and other persons were notified of the spill pursuant to the reporting requirements of the <i>Environmental Protection Act</i>;</li> <li>g) A record of any waste that was refused at the site, including: amounts, reasons for refusal and actions taken; and,</li> <li>h) The name and signature of the person completing the report.</li> </ul>				
15.2	The proponent shall retain, either on site or in another location approved by the District manager, a copy of the daily log book and any associated documentation.	•	Agreed See Environmental Compliance Approval Conditions 5 (5), 14 (3), and 14 (5).	Carried into the ECA	Yes
15.3	The proponent shall make the daily log book and any associated documentation available to the ministry or its designate in a timely manner when requested to do so by the ministry.	•	Agreed Required by Condition 14(1) of the Environmental Compliance Approval.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
16.	Third Party Audits				
16.1	The proponent shall retain the services of a Qualified, Independent Professional Engineer to carry out an independent audit of the undertaking.	•	Complete	December 8, 2011	Yes
	Within six months from the date of approval or other such date as agreed to in writing by the Regional Director, the proponent shall submit to the Director and the Regional Director, the name of the Qualified, Independent Professional Engineer and the name of the company where he/she is employed.	•	Deadline to submit name of auditor revised to September 30, 2011 via letter from the Director and Regional Director dated June 30, 2011.  Deadline to submit name of external auditor extended to 30 days prior to the commencement of construction to allow for the ministry's comment on the draft audit plan via letter from the MECP Director and Regional Director dated September 30, 2011.  Regions submitted name of construction-phase auditor on November 16, 2011, more than 30 days prior to commencement of construction in January 2012.  Regions submitted name of acceptance testing phase auditor via letter dated September 18, 2013.	November 16, 2011	Yes

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		•	Regions submitted name of auditor for operations phase via letter dated June 9, 2014. Regions provided notice to the MECP of the new Third Party Auditor via letter dated December 19, 2017.		
16.3	The proponent shall submit an audit plan to the satisfaction of the Regional Director that sets out the timing of and frequency for the audits, as well as the manner in which the audits are to be carried out.	•	Construction Phase Audit Plan approved by the Regional Director and Regional Director via letter dated December 8, 2011.  Acceptance test audit plan approved by Regional Director via letter dated July 23, 2014.  Operations Phase audit plan approved by MECP via letter dated October 24, 2013.  Revised Operations Phase Audit Plan submitted to the MECP via letter dated April 14, 2020 and approved by MECP via letter dated May 6, 2020.	December 8, 2011	Yes
	<ul> <li>The audit shall include, at a minimum, the following:</li> <li>a) A detailed walkthrough of the entire site;</li> <li>b) A review of all operations used in connection with the undertaking; and,</li> <li>c) A detailed review of all records required to be kept by this Notice of Approval or under any other ministry approvals for the undertaking.</li> <li>d) The proponent shall obtain from the Qualified, Independent Professional Engineer, a written report of the audit prepared and signed by the Qualified, Independent Professional Engineer that summarizes the results of the audit.</li> </ul>	•	Audit plans for construction phase, acceptance testing phase, and operations phase comply with these requirements.  Carried into ECA Condition 15 (2).	Carried into the ECA	Yes
16.5	The proponent shall submit the written report summarizing the result of the audit to the Regional Director no later than 10 business days following the completion of the audit.		The first Construction Phase Audit report was submitted to the MECP on June 15, 2012.  The second Construction Phase audit report was submitted to the MECP on April 15, 2013.  The third Construction Phase Audit report was submitted to the MECP on September 20, 2013.  The fourth Construction Phase Audit report was submitted to the MECP on April 14, 2014.  The Acceptance Phase Audit report was submitted to the MECP on March 23, 2016.  The first Operations Phase Audit report was submitted to the MECP on April 29, 2016.  The second Operations Phase Audit report was submitted to the MECP on April 28, 2017.  The third Operations Phase Audit report was submitted to the MECP on April 30, 2018.	Carried into the ECA	Yes

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		•	The fourth Operations Phase Audit report was submitted to the MECP on April 30, 2019.  The fifth Operations Phase Audit report was submitted to the MECP on October 2, 2020.  The sixth (2020 Operating Year) Operations Phase Audit report was submitted to the MECP on April 29, 2021.  The seventh (2021 Operating Year) Operations Phase Audit report was submitted to the MECP on April 29, 2022.  The eighth (2022 Operating Year) Operation Phase Audit report was submitted to the MECP on April 28, 2023.  The ninth (2023 Operating Year) Operation Phase Audit report was submitted to the MECP on April 30, 2024.  Carried into ECA Condition 15 (3).		
16.6	The proponent shall retain either on site or in another location approved by the Regional Director, a copy of the written audit report and any associated documentation.		Copies of all audit reports are retained on site.  Copies of future audit reports will be retained on site as required by Condition 14 (9)(d) of the Environmental Compliance Approval.  Carried into ECA Condition 15 (3).	Carried to the ECA	Yes
16.7	The proponent shall make the written audit report and any associated documentation available to the ministry or its designate in a timely manner when requested to do so by the ministry.	•	Agreed Required by Condition 14 (1) of the Environmental Compliance Approval.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
16.8	The proponent shall post the written audit report on the proponent's web site for the undertaking following submission of the report to the ministry.	•	All audit reports to date have been posted to the project website. Future reports will be posted to the website as required by Condition 16(1)(d) of the Environmental Compliance Approval	Carried into the ECA	Yes
17.	Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Plan				
17.1	The proponent shall prepare and implement a Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Plan.	•	Required by Condition 11 of the Environmental Compliance Approval. Draft Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Plan was submitted to the MECP via letter dated September 24, 2013. Final Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Plan was submitted to the MECP via letter dated January 29, 2014. MECP approved the Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Plan via Environmental Compliance Approval amendment dated August 12, 2014. Revised Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Plan was submitted to MECP March 30, 2021. MECP acknowledged receipt of the revised Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Plan via letter dated June 28, 2021.	September 24, 2013	Yes

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17.2	The proponent shall submit to the Director, the Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Plan a minimum of 60 days prior to the receipt of non-hazardous municipal solid waste at the site or such other date as agreed to in writing by the Director.	•	Deadline to submit plan revised to 120 days prior to the commencement date of operation by Environmental Compliance Approval Condition 11 (3).  The draft Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Plan was submitted via letter dated September 24, 2013, to the MECP.	September 24, 2013	Yes
	The Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Plan shall include, but is not limited to:  a) Emergency response procedures, including notification procedures in case of a spill, fires, explosions or other disruptions to the operations of the facility;  b) Cell and business phone numbers and work location for all person(s) responsible for the management of the site;  c) Emergency phone numbers for the local ministry office, the ministry 's Spills Action Centre, and the local Fire Department;  d) Measures to prevent spill, fires and explosions;  e) Procedures for use in the event of a fire;  f) Details regarding equipment for spill clean-up and all control and safety devices;  g) Shut down procedures for all operations associated with the undertaking including alternative waste disposal site locations;  h) Maintenance and testing program for spill clean-up equipment and firefighting equipment;  i) Training for site operators and emergency response personnel; and, j) A plan, identifying the location and nature of wastes on site.	•	Additional requirements included in Environmental Compliance Approval Condition 11 (2). Completed.	September 24, 2013	Yes
	The proponent shall provide the Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Plan to the District Manager, the local Municipality of Clarington and the local Municipality of Clarington Fire Department a minimum of 30 days prior to the initial receipt of non-hazardous municipal solid waste at the site or such other date as agreed to in writing by the Director.	•	Deadline to submit finalized plan to the Director revised to 120 days prior to the commencement date of operation by Environmental Compliance Approval Condition 11 (3).  Document was submitted to the District Manager, local municipality, and fire department for comments prior to final submission.  Draft Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Plan was submitted to the MECP via letter dated September 24, 2013.  Draft Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Plan was also developed in consultation with the local municipality and local fire department in advance of the final submission to the MECP.  Municipal building code and fire code requirements for construction are reviewed with each building permit submission.	September 24, 2013	Yes
	The proponent shall take all necessary steps to contain and clean up a spill on the site. A spill or upset shall be reported immediately to the ministry's Spills Action Centre at (416) 325-3000 or 1-800-268-6060.	•	Agreed. Required by Condition 12 of the Environmental Compliance Approval.	Carried into the ECA	Yes

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		•	Required by Condition 13(3) of the Environmental Compliance Approval.		
18.	Odour Management and Mitigation				
18.1	The proponent shall prepare, in consultation with the ministry's Central Region Office and to the satisfaction of the Regional Director, and implement an Odour Management and Mitigation Plan for the undertaking.	•	Odour Management and Mitigation Plan submitted to MECP on August 31, 2011.  Revised Odour Management and Mitigation Plan submitted May 4, 2012.  Odour Management and Mitigation Plan approved by Regional Director via letter dated August 21, 2012.	August 21, 2012	Yes
18.2	The proponent shall submit the Odour Management and Mitigation Plan to the Regional Director a minimum of six months prior to the start of construction or at such other time as agreed to in writing by the Regional Director.	•	Deadline to submit plan revised to August 31, 2011, via letter from the Director and Regional Director dated June 30, 2011.  Plan submitted in draft form to MECP and Advisory Committee for comments via email dated July 25, 2011.  Plan incorporating MECP and Advisory Committee comments submitted August 31, 2011.	August 31, 2011	Yes
	The Odour Management and Mitigation Plan shall include at a minimum:  a) Standard operating and shut down procedures; b) Maintenance schedules; c) Ongoing monitoring for and reporting of odour; d) Corrective action measures and other best management practices for ongoing odour control and for potential operational malfunctions; e) A schedule for odour testing at sensitive receptors; and, f) A section that specifically addresses odour control measures should operation of the undertaking be disrupted or cease.	•	Addressed in the approved odour management and mitigation plan. Additional requirements listed in Environmental Compliance Approval Condition 8(9).	August 31, 2011	Yes
18.4	The proponent shall prepare and submit the Odour Management and Mitigation Monitoring Reports annually to the Regional Director with the first report submitted beginning six months following the initial receipt of non-hazardous municipal solid waste at the site or such other date as agreed to in writing by the Regional Director.	•	Final Odour Monitoring and Mitigation Plan is compliant with these requirements.  The first annual Odour test was held simultaneously with the first Stack (source) test as agreed to by the MECP on October 8, 2015. Odour test report was submitted to the MECP on November 25, 2015.  Odour Reports are required to be submitted Annually by November 26.  The 2023 Annual Odour Report was submitted to the MECP on November 23, 2023.  Required by ECA Condition 7(8)	Carried into the ECA	Yes
18.5	The Odour Management and Mitigation Monitoring Reports shall be submitted every 12 months from the date of the submission of the first	•	Required by ECA Condition 7(8)	Carried into the ECA	Yes

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	report or until such time as the Regional Director notifies the proponent in writing that the Odour Management and Mitigation Monitoring Reports are no longer required.				
18.6	The proponent shall post the Odour Management and Mitigation Monitoring Reports on the proponent's web site for the undertaking following submission of the reports to the Regional Director.	•	Odour Management and Mitigation Plan posted to the website. Required by Condition 16(1)(e) of Environmental Compliance Approval	Carried into the ECA	Yes
19.	Noise Monitoring and Reporting				
19.1	The proponent shall prepare and implement a Noise Monitoring and Reporting Plan for the undertaking.	•	Noise Monitoring and Reporting Plan was submitted to the Director via letter dated September 15, 2011.  Noise Monitoring and Reporting Plan was approved by the MECP via Amendment Approval dated August 12, 2014.	September 15, 2011	Yes
19.2	The proponent shall submit the Noise Monitoring and Reporting Plan to the Director a minimum of 90 days prior to the start of construction or such other date as agreed to in writing by the Director.	•	Final plan submitted via letter dated September 15, 2011. Final submission date is more than 90 days prior to start of construction in January 2012.	September 15, 2011	Yes
19.3	The Noise Monitoring and Reporting Plan shall include a protocol to ensure that the noise emissions from the facility comply with the limits set out in the Ministry of the environment's Publication NPC-205 "Sound Level Limits for Stationary Sources in Class 1 & 2 Areas (Urban)", October 1995, as amended from time to time.	•	Acoustic audits have been completed for 2015 and 2016. Noise Monitoring and Reporting Plan as amended in June 2017 does not require additional acoustic audits unless requested by the MECP.	September 15, 2011	Yes
19.4	The proponent shall post the Noise Monitoring and Reporting Plan on the proponent's web site for the undertaking following submission of the plan to the Director.	•	Noise Monitoring and Reporting Plan posted to the website. Required by Condition 16(1)(f) of the Environmental Compliance Approval.	September 15, 2011	Yes
20.	Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring and Reporting				
20.1	Prior to the start of construction, the proponent shall identify any areas where the undertaking may affect groundwater or surface water. For those areas, the proponent shall prepare and implement, in consultation with the ministry's Central Region Office and to the satisfaction of the Regional Director, a Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan.	•	Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring and Reporting Plan submitted to the Regional Director via letter dated September 15, 2011.  Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan was approved by the Regional Director via letter dated October 14, 2011.	September 15, 2011	Yes
20.2	The proponent shall provide the Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan to any other government agencies for review and comment, as may be appropriate.	•	Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan was provided to the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority and the Advisory Committee for comments in August 2011.	August, 2011	Yes
20.3	The Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan shall include at a minimum:  a) A groundwater and surface water monitoring program;	•	Included in the approved plan Annual meeting with the MECP to discuss the Report and Plan was conducted October 16, 2024.	September 15, 2011	Yes

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	<ul> <li>b) The proposed start date and frequency of groundwater and surface water monitoring;</li> <li>c) The contaminants that shall be monitored as part of the groundwater and surface water monitoring program; and,</li> <li>d) At least one meeting each year between the proponent and the Regional Director to discuss the plan, the results of the monitoring program and any changes that are required to be made to the plan by the Regional Director.</li> </ul>			
20.4	The proponent shall submit the Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan to the Regional Director a minimum of 90 days prior to the start of construction or such other date as agreed to in writing by the Regional Director.	<ul> <li>September 15, 2011, submission date was more than 90 days prior to the start of construction in January 2012.</li> <li>Groundwater Surface Water Monitoring Plan approved by the Regional Director via letter dated October 14, 2011.</li> </ul>	September 15, 2011	Yes
20.5	The Regional Director may require changes to be made to the Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan and the proponent shall implement the plan in accordance with the required changes.	<ul> <li>The mechanism for changes requested by the MECP is included in the Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan.</li> <li>Groundwater and Surface Water monitoring is a requirement of ECA Condition 7(14).</li> <li>Request for changes to the Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan made via letter dated April 29, 2016, and approved by MECP via letter dated May 17, 2016.</li> <li>Request to amend the Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan made via letter dated January 9, 2020, and approved by MECP via letter dated May 7, 2020.</li> </ul>	Carried into the ECA	Yes
20.6	The groundwater and surface water monitoring program shall commence prior to the receipt of non-hazardous municipal solid waste at the site or such other time as agreed to in writing by the Regional Director, and shall continue until such time as the Regional Director notifies the proponent in writing that the groundwater and surface water monitoring program is no longer required.	<ul> <li>Approved Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan commenced prior to start of construction and will continue until the Regional Director notifies the Regions in writing that the monitoring program is no longer required.</li> <li>Baseline groundwater sampling commenced in January 2012, prior to receipt of waste.</li> </ul>	Carried into the ECA	Yes
20.7	Thirty days after waste is first received on site, the proponent shall prepare and submit to the Director and Regional Director, a report containing all of the results of the groundwater and surface water monitoring program.	Groundwater and Surface Water Facility Initiation Reports were submitted to the MECP on March 11, 2015, 30 days from when waste was first received on site February 9, 2015.	March 11, 2015	Yes
20.8	The proponent shall prepare and submit to the Director and Regional Director, an annual report containing the results of the groundwater and surface water monitoring program. The first report shall be submitted 12 months from the start of the monitoring program and every year thereafter.	<ul> <li>Annual reports have been submitted for 2012 – 2021.</li> <li>Annual report for 2023 submitted on April 25, 2024.</li> </ul>	Carried into the ECA	Yes
20.9	The proponent shall prepare and submit to the Director and Regional Director, a report containing the results of the groundwater and surface water monitoring program with 30 days of any of the following events:	Included in the approved Groundwater and Surface Water     Monitoring Plan.	Carried into the ECA	Yes

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	a) A spill occurs on site;     b) A fire or explosion occurs on site;     c) A process upset; or,     d) Any disruption to normal operations that may directly or indirectly have an impact on groundwater or surface water.	•	Required by Condition 7(14)(b) of the Environmental Compliance Approval.		
20.10	The proponent shall post the Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan and all reports required by this condition on the proponent's web site for the undertaking following submission of the plan and reports to the ministry.	•	Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan and reports are posted to the website.  Future reports will be posted to the website as they are prepared. Required by Condition 7(14)(c) of the Environmental Compliance Approval.  Required by Condition 16 (1) (g) of the Environmental Compliance Approval.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
21.	Types of Waste and Service Area				
21.1	Only non-hazardous municipal solid waste from municipal collection within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Regional Municipality of Durham and the Regional Municipality of York may be accepted at the site.	•	Agreed Required by Conditions 2 (1), 2 (2), and 2 (3) of the Environmental Compliance Approval.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
21.2	Materials which have been source separated for the purposes of diversion shall not be accepted at this site. This prohibition does not apply to the non-recyclable residual waste remaining after the separation of the recyclable materials from the non-recyclable materials at a materials recycling facility or other processing facility.	•	Agreed See Condition 2 (3) (b) of the Environmental Compliance Approval.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
21.3	The proponent shall ensure that all incoming waste is inspected prior to being accepted at the site to ensure that only non-hazardous municipal solid waste is being accepted.	•	Agreed See Condition 4 (2) and 4 (3) of the Environmental Compliance Approval.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
21.4	If any materials other than non-hazardous municipal solid waste are found during inspection or operation, the proponent shall ensure that management and disposal of the material is consistent with ministry guidelines and legislation.	•	Agreed See Condition 4 (3) of the Environmental Compliance Approval.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
22.	Amount of Waste				
22.1	The maximum amount of non-hazardous municipal solid waste that may be processed at the site is 140,000 tonnes per year.	•	140,000 tonnes per year is the maximum annual tonnage recognized on page 1 of the Environmental Compliance Approval.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
23.	Notice of the Date Waste First Received				
23.1	Within 15 days of the receipt of the first shipment of waste on site, the proponent shall give the Director and Regional Director written notice that the waste has been received.	•	Notification letter sent to MECP via email on February 10, 2015, 1 day after waste was first received on site.	February 2015	Yes

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24.	Construction and Operation Contracts				
	In carrying out the undertaking, the proponent shall require that its contractors, subcontractors and employees:  a) fulfill the commitments made by the proponent in the environmental assessment process, including those made in the environmental assessment an in the proponent's responses to comments received during the environm1ental assessment comment periods; b) meet applicable regulatory standards, regarding the construction and operation of the undertaking; c) obtain any necessary approvals, permits or licenses; and, have the appropriate training to perform the requirements of their position.	•	Project Agreement requires Contractor to comply with all authorizations including the Environmental Assessment and Notice of Approval (incorporated by reference) the Certificates of Approval, and all applicable regulations.  Regions provided a full-time on-site inspector during construction to monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract, including compliance with EA conditions.  Carried into the ECA. Environmental Compliance Approval Condition 9(1) requires Covanta to document staff training on the EA and ECA conditions and applicable laws and regulations.  Complaint Protocol will remain in effect throughout the construction, commissioning, and operations periods in accordance with Condition 6 of the Notice to Proceed.  All building and other permits have been approved.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
25.	Amending Procedures				
	Prior to implementing of any proposed changes to the undertaking, the proponent shall determine what <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> requirements are applicable to the proposed changes and shall fulfill those <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i> requirements.	•	Agreed	Carried into the ECA	Yes



**EA Study Document Compliance Table** 

Relevant EA Section No.	Requirement		Status Remarks	Actual or Estimated Completion Date	Complete?
	General Requirements				
	The Proponents commit that if approval to proceed with the Undertaking is given, it will be the Proponents who are legally responsible for carrying out the Undertaking as approved.	•	The Regions are 100% owners under the Project Agreement Both Regions and the Contractor are named on the Environmental Compliance Approval Application at the MECP's request.  As owners, the Regions remain legally responsible for ensuring that the contractor fulfills its duties under the contract.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
	The Regions will undertake an evaluation of post-closure uses for the property associated with the Project, at the appropriate time when the Project is nearing the end of its life expectancy.	•	Required by Condition 18 of the Environmental Compliance Approval.  Commitment reaffirmed in Section 16 of the Design and Operations Report submitted with the Waste ECA Application. Environmental Compliance Approval Condition 18 requires the Regions to submit a Closure Plan for approval by the MECP at least 9 months prior to facility closure.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
11	Decommissioning of the Facility will be conducted in compliance with applicable regulatory requirements at the time of decommissioning.	•	Required by Condition 18 of the Environmental Compliance Approval.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
11.2	Environmental protection awareness, spill prevention planning and contingency training will be implemented for all employees as necessary and appropriate.	•	Final Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Plan was submitted to the MECP January 29, 2014. Staff training requirements including regulatory compliance and emergency response provided in Environmental Compliance Approval Condition 9 (1).	Carried into the ECA	Yes
15	The Regions will prepare and submit to the Director of the EAB of the Ontario MECP an EA Compliance Monitoring Program.	•	Compliance Monitoring Program submitted to the Director via letter dated October 14, 2011, in accordance with Condition 4.1 of the EA Notice of Approval.	October 14, 2011	Yes
	Air Quality				
11.1	Air quality related mitigation/management during construction will include:         Mitigation and environmental management / monitoring measures will include:             Employment of controlled entrances and exits at the construction site to minimize the offsite tracking of mud.             Temporary and permanent grassing in disturbed areas.             Dust control during dry periods.             Possible implementation of an idling protocol as required.             Adherence to an equipment maintenance program.             Ambient air quality monitoring for particulate matter will be undertaken to monitor the effectiveness of the mitigation measures.	•	Construction is substantially complete and the construction general contractor has moved off-site.  Project Agreement requires Contractor to comply with all authorizations including Environmental Assessment and Certificates of Approval, and all applicable regulations.  Regions provided a full-time on-site inspector during construction to monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract, including compliance with EA conditions.  Complaint protocol submitted to MECP as per EA Notice to Proceed Condition 6 will be in effect throughout the construction period.	Carried into the ECA	Yes

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		•	Air Quality during construction is addressed by the contractor in their site Quality Management and/or Site-Specific Health and Safety Plans.		
11.1	Very low NO <sub>x</sub> (VLN) system in the Facility's stoker	•	Facility is equipped with VLN system.	February 9, 2015	Yes
11.1	SNCR for additional NO <sub>x</sub> control	•	Facility is equipped with SNCR system.	February 9, 2015	Yes
11.1	Activated carbon injection after the economizer for mercury and dioxin/furan control	•	Facility is equipped with an activated carbon system.	February 9, 2015	Yes
11.1	Acid gas scrubber the removal of gases such as SO <sub>x</sub> and HCl	•	Facility is equipped with an acid gas scrubber.	February 9, 2015	Yes
11.1	A fabric filter baghouse to remove solid particulate matter	•	Facility is equipped with a fabric filter baghouse.	February 9, 2015	Yes
11.1	The application of design and operations pre-processing odour control measures such as enclosed loading, negative air pressure inside the Facility and fully-enclosed feedstock delivery trucks.	•	Facility design includes negative air pressure and fully enclosed waste receiving and ash loading facilities. Waste delivery trucks are fully enclosed.	February 9, 2015	Yes
	Provision of a Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEMS) at the baghouse outlet to monitor and record opacity, moisture, CO, O <sub>2</sub> , NO <sub>x</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> , HCL and HF. Opacity measurements will be used as the filter bag leak detection system.	•	Facility is equipped with a fully compliant CEMS system.	February 9, 2015	Yes
11.1	Provision of a Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEMS) at the economizer outlet to monitor and record O <sub>2</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> and CO.	•	Facility is equipped with O <sub>2</sub> , SO <sub>2</sub> and CO analyzers at the economizer outlet.	February 9, 2015	Yes
11.1	Provision of a Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEMS) to monitor and record  Flue gas temperatures at the inlet of the boiler convection section and at the baghouse inlet.  The temperature and pressure of the feedwater and steam for each boiler.  The mass flow rate of steam at each boiler.	•	Facility is equipped with each of these controls.	February 9, 2015	Yes
11.1	A long-term continuous dioxins sampling device will be installed to monitor the adsorption of dioxins onto the exchangeable adsorption-resin-filled cartridge.	•	Facility is equipped with a long-term dioxin and furan sampling system.	September 2015	Yes
11.1	Emissions (stack) testing and monitoring protocol as required for the ECA under the EPA.	•	As per Condition 7(1) and Schedule D of the Environmental Compliance Approval.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
11.1	NPRI emissions reporting that will entail a combination of monitoring or direct measurement, mass balance, process-specific emissions factors and engineering estimates.	•	National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI) annual reporting is a requirement under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (Federal).	Carried into the ECA	Yes

Relevant EA Section No.	Requirement	Status Remarks	Actual or Estimated Completion Date	Complete?
		<ul> <li>ECA Condition 1(9) requires compliance with all other applicable laws, statues, and regulations.</li> <li>2015-2022 Emissions were reported through NPRI.</li> </ul>		
11.1	<ul> <li>Proposed ambient air quality monitoring in the immediate vicinity of the Facility for a 3-year period.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ambient air monitoring in accordance with the approved monitoring plan commenced in April 2013.</li> <li>Required by ECA Condition 7(4).</li> </ul>	Carried into the ECA	Yes
	Surface Water and Groundwater			
11.2	<ul> <li>Surface water and groundwater related mitigation and environmental management / monitoring measures during construction will include:</li> <li>Construction phase drainage will route stormwater from throughout the Site to a stormwater sedimentation pond and to the extent feasible, maintain existing drainage routes. Permanent SWM ponds may be constructed early to reduce need for sedimentation ponds.</li> <li>Use of perimeter ditching and site grading as well as silt fencing around forested areas to isolate runoff.</li> <li>Use of setback transition use areas and erosion control fencing along watercourses.</li> <li>ESC will be implemented during the construction phase to reduce potential soil loss and runoff velocities.</li> <li>During the construction phase, stormwater will be routed via conveyance swales and/or storm sewers draining catchbasins to a SWM pond in the southwest corner of the Site.</li> <li>The pond will discharge to the CN Rail swale and stormwater will subsequently be conveyed to Tooley Creek.</li> <li>In addition to the pond, lot level, and conveyance controls such as surface stabilization measures, sediment traps, and swales enhanced with rock check dams will also be employed.</li> <li>Grading plans will be designed to maintain existing drainage patterns which will ensure all captured stormwater will be routed through SWM features.</li> <li>Dewatering and excavation pumping is expected to establish a sufficiently dry environment to construct the Facility foundations.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Construction Phase is complete.</li> <li>All permanent stormwater controls are in place.</li> <li>Required by Condition 4(6) of the Environmental Compliance Approval.</li> <li>Regions provided a full-time on-site inspector during construction to monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract, including compliance with EA conditions.</li> <li>Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring and Reporting Plan submitted via email September 15, 2011, in accordance with EA Condition 20 includes monitoring of water quality in Tooley Creek using continuous data loggers, and documentation of regular inspection and maintenance of check dams and other sediment controls.</li> <li>A sediment and erosion control plan has been developed by the contractor and was in effect during the construction phase which monitors surface water. Golder was contracted by Covanta to monitor surface water and erosion and sediment control during the construction phase.</li> <li>Site stormwater management plan has been developed and approved by CLOCA and Clarington (Clarington Master Drainage Plan).</li> </ul>	Carried into the ECA	Yes
11.2	<ul> <li>A series of groundwater monitoring wells may be installed within the Site to assess the Facility's effects on both groundwater quantity and quality during construction to be determined at subsequent approvals stage.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan approved by MECP Central Region Director on October 14, 2011, includes groundwater monitoring wells to be installed prior to facility construction and 1 well to be installed after construction.</li> <li>Pre-construction groundwater wells installed in December 2011. Baseline monitoring commenced January 2012.</li> <li>All required monitoring wells are now in service.</li> </ul>	December 2011	Yes

Relevant EA Section No.	Requirement		Status Remarks	Actual or Estimated Completion Date	Complete?
11.2	Storm water pond design criteria will meet enhanced design guidance criteria found in the MECP SWM Planning and Design Manual;	•	The stormwater management pond design is compliant with this requirement and is provided in Section 6.2.4 of the Design Report.  Stormwater ponds have been designed and constructed on site in the southeast and southwest corners of the EFW property.	February 9, 2015	Yes
11.2	<ul> <li>Increase in runoff potential will be mitigated with peak flow attenuation, baseflow augmentation and SWM design that provides an enhanced level of receiving water protection;</li> </ul>	•	Pond has been designed with an active storage volume greater than the entire runoff volume from the 100-year storm.  Stormwater pond design has been approved and constructed on site.	February 9, 2015	Yes
11.2	Accidents and malfunctions planning and spill management redundancy and stormwater control from source to discharge will ensure the protection of surface water and groundwater resources.	•	Covanta submitted a Spill Contingency and Emergency Response Plan on September 24, 2013, as required by Condition 17.1 of the Notice of Approval and Condition 11(2) of the Environmental Compliance Approval.  Storage of waste and ash is indoors on impervious surfaces with no drainage to outside the facility.  Storage of all chemical reagents is in accordance with applicable regulations. Storage of aqueous ammonia includes secondary containment.  Outdoor surface drainage discharges to the stormwater management ponds with gate valves on the outlets, providing an opportunity to contain and remediate any spills occurring outside the process buildings.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
11.2	Monitoring of stormwater end-of-pipe Facility discharge quality (as required as part of C of A);	•	Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring and Reporting Plan was developed in consultation with MECP Central Region Office and approved by the Central Region Director on October 14, 2011. Monitoring commenced in January 2012.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
	Soils				
11.2 & 11.3	Soils related mitigation and environmental management / monitoring measures during construction will include:  Topsoil and subsoil salvage and storage.  Apply erosion and sedimentation control measures (also described in surface water).	•	Facility construction is complete.  Project Agreement requires Contractor to comply with all authorizations including Environmental Assessment and Certificates of Approval, and all applicable regulations.  Regions provided a full-time on-site inspector during construction to monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract, including compliance with EA conditions.  Erosion and sediment control monitoring is undertaken continuously in accordance with plan approved by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks, Central Lake Ontario Conservation authority and the Municipality of Clarington.	January 28, 2016	Yes

Relevant EA Section No.	Requirement		Status Remarks	Actual or Estimated Completion Date	Complete?
		•	Required by ECA Condition 7(10) and 13(4).		
	Acoustic				
	<ul> <li>Acoustic related mitigation and environmental management / monitoring measures during construction will include:         <ul> <li>Pile driving effects will be reduced through alternative technologies (e.g., vibratory pile driving), controls, and scheduling.</li> <li>Construction vehicle traffic is predicted to be acceptable against applicable criteria, but short-term (i.e., 1-hour) effects during peak demand are possible. These peaking issues will be reduced through scheduling and planning of vehicle trips.</li> <li>A monitoring program and contingency plan will be implemented to address any issues that may arise during the construction and post-closure periods of the Facility.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	•	Facility construction is complete.  The Regions submitted a Noise Monitoring and Reporting Plan to the Director in accordance with Condition 19 of the Notice of Approval on September 15, 2011.  Project Agreement requires Contractor to comply with all authorizations including Environmental Assessment and Certificates of Approval, and all applicable regulations, including Clarington Noise by-law.  Regions provided a full-time on-site inspector during construction to monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract, including compliance with EA conditions.  Required by ECA Condition 7(5).	Carried into the ECA	Yes
	Noise-related mitigation and environmental management/monitoring measures during operation will include:  The Facility will be designed to current standards incorporating efficiencies and design enhancements that reduce sound emissions.  Where necessary, mitigation measures will be included to ensure applicable noise criteria are met at PORs as predicted.  Mitigation measures may include the use of equipment control options such as enclosures, local or property-line barriers, mufflers and silencers, and acoustic baffles or insulation.	•	The Regions submitted a Noise Monitoring and Reporting Plan in accordance with Condition 19 of the Notice of Approval on September 15, 2011, which includes an annual acoustic audit during the operations phase to monitor compliance with applicable noise criteria.  Noise Monitoring and Reporting Plan was approved by the MECP via Amendment Approval dated August 12, 2014.  Condition 19.3 of the Notice of Approval requires noise emissions from the facility comply with the limits set out in the Ministry of the environment's Publication NPC-205 "Sound Level Limits for Stationary Sources in Class 1 & 2 Areas (Urban)", October 1995, as amended from time to time.  Noise Monitoring and Reporting Plan is in effect.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
	Visual				
	Visual-related mitigation and environmental management / monitoring measures during construction will include:  • Staging of construction activities.  • Timely removal of construction debris.  • A monitoring program and contingency plan will be implemented to address any issues that may arise during the construction of the Facility.  • Investment in architectural enhancements to the Facility.	•	An architectural concept for the facility was developed in consultation with the Municipality of Clarington. Facility has been constructed and landscaping completed in accordance with approved plan.	January 28, 2016	Yes

Relevant EA Section No.	Requirement		Status Remarks	Actual or Estimated Completion Date	Complete?
11.5	Visual-related mitigation and environmental management / monitoring measures during operation will include:  • The use of neutral external colours and effective landscaping. • If concerns regarding Facility visibility are raised by members of the community in the vicinity of the Facility, mitigation measures will be considered such as planting trees or other suitable vegetation at the location to provide a screen within the line of the sight of the Facility.	•	An architectural concept for the facility was developed in consultation with the Municipality of Clarington.  Landscaping complete in accordance with the approved plan.  Need for supplementary, off-site visual remediation will be assessed on a case-by-case basis after the facility is constructed.  The Region has applied for funding in 2023 with the Trees for Life program to address some deficient landscaping issues as a result of some trees not surviving. This process is continuing into 2024	January 28, 2016	Yes
	Natural Environment				
	Natural environment related mitigation and environmental management / monitoring during construction will include:  • Protective protocols to avoid killing or harming wildlife during Project activities.  • Wildlife corridor along the entire east-west length of the Facility's southern property line may be established to enhance wildlife movement.  • Native tree and shrub species will be planted, and existing species allowed to grow without disturbance providing additional habitat.  • Undertake a pre-construction survey to assess bird nesting activity prior to clearing and grubbing.  • Habitat enhancement for Chimney Swifts, if present onsite, and once construction has been completed, compensation for the loss of hedgerow by incorporating native shrubs and trees into landscaping for the Facility.		Landscape plan as approved by the Municipality of Clarington gives consideration to wildlife habitat.  Construction Site Fencing allows for a wildlife corridor to the North and South of the Site.  Reconnaissance report prepared by Golder Associates dated November 11, 2011, to address pre-construction bird nesting activities prior to start of construction.  For work offsite surrounding the Energy from Waste facility, the Regions retained a consultant to undertake monitoring of Eastern Meadowlark. Reports will be produced and provided to the MNR as per letter dated August 28, 2013, from the MNR. Construction complete.	January 28, 2016	Yes
	Social / Cultural				
11.7, 8, 9	Social / cultural related mitigation and environmental management / monitoring measures during construction will include:  See Noise above for related mitigation / management measures.  See Visual above for related mitigation / management measures.  Dust control during construction will be accomplished through a number of physical and operational methods such as construction exits, timely revegetation, watering, and staging of work.  Deeply buried archaeological resources could still exist and standard conditions regarding discovery of human remains and/or other cultural heritage values will apply.	•	Contract requires Covanta to document any findings of archaeological significance and to deal with these findings as directed in writing by the owner and in accordance with applicable laws.  Project Agreement requires Contractor to comply with all authorizations including Environmental Assessment and Certificates of Approval, and all applicable regulations.  Regions provided a full-time on-site inspector during construction to monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract, including compliance with EA conditions.	January 28, 2016	Yes

Relevant EA Section No.	Requirement	Status Remarks	Actual or Estimated Completion Date	Complete?
		<ul> <li>To date no findings of archaeological significance have been found on site.</li> <li>Construction complete.</li> </ul>		
	Road/pavement improvements to the South Service Road and Osborne Road to accommodate construction vehicles.	Construction is complete.	January 28, 2016	Yes
	Formation of a Thermal Treatment Facility Site Liaison Committee (SLC) for the construction period.	In addition to the Advisory Committee described in Notice of Approval Condition 8, the Regions have formed an Integrated Waste Management Committee (Energy from Waste-Waste Management Advisory Committee) intended to address issues of concern to the local community.     Required by ECA Condition 17.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
	Development and implementation of a Community Relations Plan (CRP) through which Durham, York, and Covanta staff will relate to the local community, including advance notification to local authorities and residents near the Facility of any planned unusual noises or activities (e.g., pile driving, steam blows) or other events that may be of concern to the local community during the construction phase. The plan will also establish contacts and procedures for providing accurate and timely information to the community in the event of an unforeseen incident that may cause concern or impact upon the community.	<ul> <li>A requirement of the EA Notice of Approval [See Appendix A, Section 7 (Community Communications Plan)]</li> <li>Community Communications Plan was submitted to the MECP on September 18, 2013.</li> <li>MECP approval via letter dated September 30, 2013.</li> </ul>	September 18, 2013,	Yes
	Development and implementation of a community complaints system for construction.	<ul> <li>Complaint protocol approved by the MECP July 13, 2011, as per Condition 6 of the EA Notice of Approval.</li> <li>Requirement of Condition 10 of the Environmental Compliance Approval.</li> <li>Monthly reports are sent to the EFWAC and the MECP.</li> </ul>	Carried into the ECA	Yes
	Management of residual waste in enclosed vehicles and on enclosed tipping floor	<ul> <li>Noted in Sections 5.3 and 5.8 of the Design and Operations Report and required by Environmental Compliance Approval Condition 4(2) and 4(5).</li> <li>Construction of an enclosed tipping floor is complete.</li> <li>All waste is delivered to the site in closed vehicles.</li> </ul>	Carried into the ECA	Yes
	Air from tipping floor is used as combustion air, destroying odours and maintaining negative pressure within receiving area.	Required by Condition 8 (1) of the Environmental Compliance     Approval Construction of tipping floor and combustion air     system is complete and compliant with these requirements.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
	<ul> <li>Management of ash and residues using various measures to reduce ash emissions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Requirement of Condition 4 of the Environmental Compliance Approval.</li> <li>See Section 8.0 of the Design and Operation Report for additional details.</li> </ul>	Carried into the ECA	Yes

Relevant EA Section No.	Requirement	Status Remarks	Actual or Estimated Completion Date	Complete?
		<ul> <li>Storage of ash, and residues will be indoors on impervious surfaces with no drainage to outside the facility.</li> <li>Ash is transported to the ash storage building in enclosed conveyors.</li> <li>Bottom ash and fly ash handled separately.</li> <li>Building maintained under negative pressure and fully ventilated to a dust collection system.</li> <li>Loading of trucks occurs indoors with the doors closed.</li> <li>Fly ash is mixed with water, cement and pozzolan to render it non-hazardous and reduce dust.</li> <li>Bottom ash is immersed in quench water and retains 15-25% moisture content, reducing dust potential.</li> </ul>		
	Mitigation of vectors/vermin through pest/vector control.	<ul> <li>Requirement of Condition 8 (14) of the Environmental Compliance Approval.</li> <li>Noted in Section 13.5 of the Design and Operations Report and Condition 8(14).</li> <li>Pest/Vector control has been subcontracted to a qualified pest control company and monitored for effectiveness.</li> </ul>	Carried into the ECA	Yes
	Mitigation of litter through implementation of litter control program throughout the Site.	<ul> <li>Requirement of Condition 8(12) of the Environmental Compliance Approval.</li> <li>Site-wide litter collection daily as per Section 13.4 of the Design and Operations Report and Environmental Compliance Approval Condition 8(12).</li> </ul>	Carried into the ECA	Yes
	<ul> <li>Some traffic control measures (traffic signals, loop ramps, etc.) may be required to the adjacent road network to address future traffic conditions in the CEBP.</li> </ul>	Requirement of Condition 8(10) of the Environmental Compliance Approval.  Energy Drive and private truck access construction is complete, with all required off-site traffic controls.	May 2015	Yes
	The Host Community Agreement between Durham and the Municipality of Clarington includes the Region assuming the cost of construction of Energy Drive from Courtice Road to Osborne Road to serve the CEBP.	<ul> <li>Host Community Agreement executed on February 18, 2010, includes this provision.</li> <li>The expropriation of the lands associated with the host community agreement requirements for the York Durham Energy Centre went before the Ontario Municipal Board. A settlement was reached July 27, 2015.</li> <li>Construction on the facility access road and Energy Drive has been completed.</li> </ul>	July 2015	Yes
	Soil testing for contaminants for a minimum of three years at which time its effectiveness will be evaluated (recommendation by Durham Region Medical Officer of Health, endorsed by both Regional Councils)	Requirement of Condition 13 (4) of the Environmental Compliance Approval. Soil Testing plan submitted September 23, 2011	Carried into the ECA	Yes

Relevant EA Section No.	Requirement	Status Remarks	Actual or Estimated Completion Date	Complete?
		<ul> <li>Revised Soil Testing Plan submitted to the MECP via letter dated October 5, 2012.</li> <li>MECP approval via letter dated March 15, 2013.</li> <li>Soils testing commenced in accordance with the approved plan.</li> <li>The first Soils Testing Report was completed and submitted November 19, 2013.</li> <li>Second (first operational year) Soils Testing Report was submitted on October 23, 2015.</li> <li>Third (second operational year) Soils Testing Report was submitted on November 3, 2016.</li> <li>Fourth (third operational year) Soils Testing Report was submitted on November 24, 2017.</li> <li>Soil testing was undertaken August 19, 2020, and the report was submitted to the MECP October 26, 2020.</li> <li>Soil testing was undertaken August 14, 2023, and the report was submitted November 9, 2023.</li> </ul>		
	Formation of a Thermal Treatment Facility Site Liaison Committee     SLC for the operations period.	In addition to the Advisory Committee described in Notice of Approval Condition 8, the Regions have formed an Integrated Waste Management Committee (Energy from Waste-Waste Management Advisory Committee) intended to address issues of concern to the local community.  Required by ECA Condition 17.	Carried into the ECA	Yes
	See construction above regarding development and implementation of a Community Relations Plan	A requirement of the EA Notice of Approval [See Appendix A, Section 7 (Community Communications Plan)]  Community Communications Plan was submitted to the MECP on September 18, 2013.  MECP approval via letter dated September 30, 2013.	September 18, 2013	Yes
	See construction above regarding development and implementation of a community complaints system for operations	<ul> <li>Appendix A, Complaint Protocol (Notice of Approval Condition 6 applies to construction, commissioning, and operations periods.</li> <li>Complaint Procedure is required by Condition 10 of the ECA.</li> </ul>	Carried into the ECA	Yes
	Economic			
11.10	Establishment of a hazardous waste depot to serve Clarington residents.	<ul> <li>Establishment of the hazardous waste depot commenced when land expropriation for other Host Community Agreement commitments was completed, and the Certificates of Approval and Building Permit for the Durham York Energy Centre were issued.</li> <li>The Clarington Household Special Waste Facility was opened on October 22, 2019.</li> </ul>	October 22, 2019	Yes

Relevant EA Section No.	l	Requirement		Status Remarks	Actual or Estimated Completion Date	Complete?
11.10	•	Construction of Energy Drive from Courtice Road to Osborne Road to serve the Energy Park.	•	Construction on the facility access road and Energy Drive is complete.	May 2015	Yes
11.10	•	Construction of a SWM Facility to serve the Energy Park.	•	Stormwater management requirements for the Energy Park will be assessed if and when development of the Energy Park proceeds.	May 2015	Yes
11.10	•	Construction of a waterfront trail from Courtice Road to the eastern limit of the Durham property.	•	Waterfront trail has been completed.	2017	Yes
11.10	•	Transfer of 22 acres of surplus land adjacent to the Courtice WPCP to Clarington.	•	The transfer of 22 acres of land to Clarington was completed on October 15, 2015.	2015	Yes
11.10	•	Commencement of the EA for servicing the Clarington Science Park.	•	An EA was filed on June 19, 2015, and the end of the review period was August 21, 2015.	August 2015	Yes
	Human Health and Ecological Risk					
	•	Refer to "Air Quality" above.	•	Refer to "Air Quality" above.	N/A	Yes

### Appendix C

**Advisory Committee Annual Report 2024** 

#### Durham York Energy Centre 2022 Compliance Monitoring Report – Appendix C Energy From Waste Advisory Committee Summary Table

Meeting	Date	Time	Agenda Topic
EFWAC Meeting 20	December 18,	Held virtually	2022 DYEC Annual Operations Report
	2023	9:30-11:30 AM	Updates on:
			<ul> <li>Streamed Environmental Assessment for increase to 160K tonnes per year capacity</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>Extended Producer Responsibility</li> </ul>
			o Durham Region Organics Management

### **Meeting 20 Agenda**

**Advisory Committee Annual Report** 

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# Energy from Waste Advisory Committee (EFWAC) Agenda Meeting #20

Monday, December 18, 2023 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

# The Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters Building 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

Please note: The Region of Durham continues to hold electronic meetings for Advisory Committees with limited in-person attendance at this time. Members of the public may <u>view the Committee meeting</u> via live streaming.

#### 1. Welcome and Introductions

#### 2. <u>Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) 2022 Annual Compliance Report (ECA)</u>

The Project Team will respond to questions by EFWAC members regarding the DYEC 2022 Annual Compliance Report.

#### 3. Updates

- a. <u>DYEC Streamlined Environmental Assessment (increase from 140,000 to 160,000 tonnes per year capacity)</u>
- b. Extended Producer Responsibility
- c. Update Durham Region Organics Management

#### 4. Next Meeting

#### 5. Meeting Adjourns

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### **Meeting 20 Minutes and Presentations**

**Advisory Committee Annual Report** 

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#### **Energy from Waste Advisory Committee (EFWAC) Meeting #20**

Date: Monday, December 18, 2023

Location: Microsoft Teams (virtual) from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Facilitator: Bruce Withrow, Meeting Facilitators International

Archive: Available at: <a href="https://www.eventstream.ca/events/durham-region">https://www.eventstream.ca/events/durham-region</a>

Attendees: Please see page 10 of 10

The meeting of the EFWAC will meet the obligations as detailed under Section 8 of the Notice of Approval to proceed with the Undertaking. This meeting objective is to review the 2022 Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) Annual Report as submitted in accordance with Condition 15(1) of the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) #7306-8FDKNX, which states the following:

By March 31st following the end of each operating year, the Owner shall prepare and submit to the District Manager and to the Advisory Committee, an Annual Report summarizing the operation of the Site covering the previous calendar year.

### Durham York Energy Centre Environmental Compliance Approval Annual Report – 2022 (Report)

- 1. With regard to the facility shutdowns listed under Section 11 of the Report, it was questioned if the included table was a comprehensive list of planned and unplanned shutdowns of any duration, and if not, with consideration to the potential for high emissions during a shut down, it was requested that if going forward the Report could identify all shutdowns (single and dual) of any duration, and include unplanned and uncontrolled events (i.e. caused by a thunderstorm, etc.).
  - Staff confirmed the table identifies dual outages when both boilers are offline which
    is posted in the annual report. Addressing the reporting of single boiler outages,
    staff is contemplating incorporating the relevant information in the upcoming annual
    report.
- 2. Staff were asked in follow up to a separate exchange with staff in November 2023 regarding a request for information about the source test procedure for dioxins and

furans. The member stated that the Ontario Source testing Code and Ambient Air Monitoring Plan, which specify the reference method set out by Environment Canada are to be used for dioxins and furans. The member then stated: 'Application of this Reference Method (RM) for compliance testing requires strict adherence to the method in all respects. Deviation from the method may invalidate the test results. Any changes in equipment, reagents, materials, procedures, or calculations from those specified in the RM must be approved in writing by Environment Canada prior to testing. If deviations are made without prior approval, the validities of the tests shall be determined by Environment Canada on a case-by-case basis.' The member stated the response received gave some description of the Environment of Canada procedures but did not answer what was being done by Durham, York and Covanta at the DYEC.

- 3. The member asked: "Does DYEC stack source testing, sampling, analysis and reporting for dioxins/furans strictly adhere and follow Environment Canada test methods?"
  - Staff confirmed that the methodology is prepared by ORTECH, and signed off by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and replied that there could be some deviations from the test method.
- 4. The member asserted that when MECP acknowledges receipt, per ECA #7306-8FDKNX, Section 18 (a), it does not necessarily indicate compliance. The member asked for clarification about AMESA sampling duration.
  - Staff explained that AMESA sampling follows different rinsing and testing protocols.
- 5. Clarification was requested on the reported 'Rejected / Unacceptable' waste tonnage in Table 2: Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Material Balance (Tonnes), of Section 2, and the reason for such variabilities between January to June, with reported amounts during these months either low or none, followed by much larger amounts from July to December, with peak tonnage reported in August.
  - Staff provided updates of a contract changeover at the transfer station. This
    transition involved direct delivery of material from Durham Region-owned waste
    management facilities. The incoming materials may contain much coarser
    materials like large amounts of construction and demolition waste (C&D). This
    trend would be anticipated to continue through 2023. Covanta sends out the (C&D)
    waste along with large pieces of wood.
  - In response to the concern, that contract and staffing changes are causing a
    downshift in performance; staff advised of a refinement in transfer station
    procedures. It should be noted that a relatively small amount of the roughly 30,000
    tonnes of waste per annum from the waste management facilities (WMFs) is

deemed non-processable, and that this waste is also low in comparison to the overall quantity of waste that is processed monthly.

- 6. Staff were asked, with reference to the AMESA (LTSS) Work Plan Summary Report from early February 2021, if an AMESA Work Plan exists for 2021 onwards, if staff can make it available on the project website for public knowledge and reference. Page 33 of the ECA Report references invalidated runs in July and August 2022 'due to non-isokinetic, non-steady state operating conditions during the sampling period'. In comparison with the DYEC Quarterly (Q3) LTSS Report (July 2022 to September 2022), which reports (Pages 6 and 7 of 10) an incident where for AMESA Sampling Run #76, there was a high probability sampling occurred during non-isokinetic conditions and which seems to be the reason sampling periods are being invalidated, staff were questioned how the sampler does not adjust for these conditions and why the related data needs to be invalidated, with additional concern that this is when emissions of concern are most likely to be of issue with the Facility not operating in a steady state.
  - Staff confirmed that the February 2021 AMESA Work Plan is the current AMESA operating plan and is being followed.
  - Staff mentioned that the AMESA system is not a live system to match with any sudden change of the plant output.
- 7. Staff were asked about the Long-Term Sampling System with reference to Section 5.6 (Annual ECA Report), and previous confirmation that not all parts of the system are being analyzed, and questioned Report reference that states 'The AMESA....designed to meet the requirements of ECA Condition 7(3)...', and questioned which parts are included in the AMESA reporting testing, and which parts are not.
  - Staff re-confirmed the cartridge is the only piece that is analyzed, and re-iterated
    that measurements obtained from the AMESA samplers are not used for verifying
    compliance with the approval limit. AMESA and Source Test operate individually
    and are not comparable.
  - The source test is a traversing probe, not a stationary probe (whereas the AMESA is a stationary probe). Both filter and trap are collected, and the full sampling train is sent for analysis for the source test.
- 8. In follow up to the MECP's 2016 agreement that the Surface Water Monitoring Program be suspended due to area construction at Courtice Road/Highway 401 interchange and Tooley Creek realignment, undertaken by the Ministry of Transportation; Staff was asked about when the surface water testing would be

resumed. The comment was made stating that, '... now is the right time to restart and take the next steps to implement this Program in 2024.'

- Staff will take this under advisement with continued evaluation on an annual basis during the review of the groundwater and surface water monitoring with the MECP.
- 9. Staff were asked, in relation to Condition 7.3 of the governing ECA file which requires the Owner to '...measure the concentration of Dioxins and Furans in the Undiluted Gases leaving the APC Equipment associated with each Boiler...' and with consideration that accurate concentrations are important to the public, in compliance with Section 7.3, if the Facility should instead be using each part identified on the sampling train (nozzle, probe, etc.), and not just the cartridge. Separate to being informed by the manufacturer's recommendations and with consideration to the purpose of this Committee, staff were asked how partial measurement of the concentrations and exclusion of the sampling system components analysis meet the ECA and related monitoring plans.
  - Staff reiterated that the Source Test is a different system from the LTSS (AMESA), and that the system is operated according to the manufacturer's directions which included consideration of sampling duration.
- 10. Staff were questioned, in relation to Page 31 of the ECA Annual Report, if the system is used to '...trend sample analysis results and evaluate the ongoing performance of the Air Pollution Control (APC) equipment...', and Section 7.3(b) of the ECA #7306-8FDKNX, where the 'Owner shall evaluate the performance of the long-term sampling system in determining Dioxins and Furans emission trends and/or fluctuations as well as demonstrating the ongoing performance of the APC Equipment associated with the Boilers.', what document did MECP approve which defines the way the Regions report the outcome (LOQ picograms), and why was this method selected and who authorized it.
  - Staff confirmed that the February 2021 AMESA Work Plan, which the Facility is currently operating under, was previously submitted to the MECP who provided the Regions with acknowledgement of its receipt and further, are aware of the Plant's use as operating parameter (not compliance).
- 11. With regard to data validation and the Owners direction that AMESA is only for the purpose of the ECA and trend analysis, staff were advised that the Regions seem focused on the primary purpose not to measure concentration, that with previous data not being consistent, monitoring has been adjusted to get more consistent data, with concern that one should not fudge data to model any related validation.

Staff stated that data is not 'fudged' to fit a model and reiterated that the system's performance is adjusted, from the process variability in the boilers but remains subject to the limitations of the sampling equipment. AMESA runs were conducted along with the Source Tests to determine if results are similar. Regulatory results from the DYEC are low, and the Regions and Covanta continue to operate the facility in a manner to achieve such low concentrations.

#### Roundtable

In response to earlier discussion regarding the DYEC Streamlined Environmental Assessment (EA) (increase from 140,000 to 160,000 tonnes per year), staff confirmed that the questions received from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in October 2023, following the July/August update, consisted mainly of confirming the location of documents and in some instances, resubmission of the models and background data / discussions due to staffing changes at the MECP. The Streamlined EA remains with the MECP for review, and the Regions await a response with additional questions and/or decision on approval of the EA.

- There are no new submissions.
- 12. Staff were asked whether given the implementation of the Enhanced Green Bin in July 2024 and its related estimated garbage reduction and that identified to date in 2023 (~10,000 tonnes), if the need still exists for a capacity processing increase at the Facility.
  - Staff advised that as Durham's Enhanced Green Program rolls out in only the last six months of 2024 and with consideration to the impact from the provincial housing targets which will generate more waste, the Regions will be seeking optimization for Facility efficiency and service to both Regions as best as possible.
- 13. Staff were asked if there has been any change in the Facility's jurisdiction regarding accepted waste.
  - Staff advised the Facility will continue to only service Durham and York Regions.
- 14. Clarification / further details as to what the MECP was requesting in October 2023 and staff confirmed that MECP's requests were generalities and few, such as: how assumptions were modeled, correction requests to correspondence that was incorrectly linked in a table, confirmation of receipt of reference material, etc.
- 15. Input regarding anticipated response from the MECP and whether Regional Council direction will be required, depending on MECP response. Staff shared the opinion that it is a positive sign that the MECP is corresponding, and that an ECA application to the

MECP will be filed as soon as possible, if approved to do so by the MECP, while also fulfilling the commitment made to the Municipality of Clarington, and ideally moving forward at a reasonable pace including if the MECP should request additional studies.

#### Waste Management Services Operations Update for the Regional Municipality of Durham

Angela Porteous, Supervisor, Waste Operations, the Regional Municipality of Durham (Durham), provided an Operations Update on current and future plans for Durham's waste management.

With many changes coming in 2024, Durham is proceeding with the rollout of the Enhanced Green Bin Program starting July 1, 2024, which was awarded to Seacliff Energy, an Anaerobic Digestion (AD) processing facility in Leamington. Starting July 1, Durham will be accepting diapers, sanitary waste, and pet waste in the Green Bin. Bin sales will continue to be made available at the Waste Management Centre (4600 Garrard Road, Whitby). Program promotions will commence late spring/early summer 2024 to ensure residents have the necessary capacity for the start of the Enhanced Green Bin Program. Additional information is available in the February 8, 2023, Works Committee Report #2023-WR-3 'Organics Management Plan – Next Steps'.

By 2025, Durham must comply with Ontario's Food and Organic Waste Policy Statement which requires a 50 per cent waste reduction and resource recovery of food and organic waste generated at multi-residential properties. Of the two bids received in response to the request for proposal (RFP) for the multi-residential organics program, which closed on October 19, the supplier was presented to December Works Committee and pending Regional Council approval, recommends a phased approach to be rolled out in all 417 multi-residential buildings, in potential collaboration with the City of Oshawa (Oshawa) and Town of Whitby (Whitby) due to jurisdictional responsibilities, and in follow up to building surveys completed in 2023 to determine readiness to implement organics at individual sites, resulting in a participation rate response of approximately 64 per cent.

Durham is preparing for the transition for curbside collection of Blue Box materials through CMO (Circular Materials Ontario), with Miller Waste being awarded the contract for collection from July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025, in Ajax, Pickering, Clarington, Scugog, Uxbridge, and Brock, and GFL in Whitby and Oshawa. Starting in 2026, as CMO will cease to service small businesses as part of this program, Durham is considering options to address financial implications and address continued service with a forthcoming report to Works Committee in the new year. HGC is the current contractor at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) and has been awarded the contract by CMO to use the MRF until the end of 2025.

Durham residents will not experience any changes in service with the Blue Box transition, with Durham in discussions with Miller Waste and GFL regarding use of Service Durham (311) for call centre logistics.

Durham rolled out a successful and well advertised Curbside Giveaway Pilot on September 16, 2023, for residents to place unwanted items in good condition at curbside for anyone to pick up. More than 800 residents provided feedback on the Pilot, requesting this event be held annually or more frequently. Durham presented to Works Committee a report requesting approval for a permanent event to be held each spring and fall, which will be considered by Regional Council.

- 16. Staff were asked with reference to page 24 of Durham's Annual Waste Management Report that stated Durham and York Regions 'completed the Environmental Screening Report in March 2022 to increase the annual processing capacity at the Durham York Energy Centre from 140,000 to 160,000 tonnes per year', and with consideration to Durham's Enhanced Green Bin Program, how clay cat litter will be processed by anaerobic digestion (AD) and will residents be asked to separate, and additionally, questioned the reason for maintaining mixed-waste pre-sort component, have residents familiarize themselves and in the future then remove the need for source separation.
  - Staff confirmed that AD facilities have grit removal systems, and depending on the processing, plastic (diapers) and non-organic materials will remain in suspension. Further advising that the mixed-waste pre-sort was an option to capture materials in the garbage bag from residents who don't participate or mistakenly dispose of items. And in keeping with both the long- and short-term plan, AD contracted service was for 10 years, and once construction and inflation settles down, Durham will review and determine the program's value.
- 17. Staff were questioned if the mass of the fly ash that is reported in the ECA Annual Report on page 23, which identifies residual waste shipments sent to landfills, includes cement and pozzolan and from the collected samples for the National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI), whether staff are relying on the toxic characteristic leaching procedure (TCLP) and if so, whether the results can be made available to the public.
  - It was confirmed by staff that fly ash includes cement and pozzolan, and further, composite TCLP samples are submitted for chemical analysis, and calculation guidelines and ash testing protocols are made available on the NPRI Federal government website along with related reports. As TCLP is performed once every three years, the results are updated and posted accordingly in the annual report. Additionally, the fly ash is treated before going to the landfill in Thorold and is thereby, non-hazardous. The treatment consists of mixing the fly ash with a blend

of pozzolanic material, cement, and water. The thorough mixing of all ingredients in the pugmill results in an innocuous material as the fly ash is microencapsulated. More information about the ash quantities may be found in the <a href="2022 Durham York">2022 Durham York</a> <a href="Energy Centre Annual Report">Energy Centre Annual Report</a>.

- 18. Additionally, in response to the comment regarding variability in the ratio of bottom and fly ash, staff reiterated that the recorded weights relate to shipping from the facility, and that variability occurs on a month-to-month basis. With regard to Section 17.2 Recommendations for 2023 (Page 49) reference to 'expand and work on opportunities ... for optimizing reagent usage...', staff were asked to advise on the changes made since the 2016 exceedance when the feed rate was adjusted and the Regions' consultant, HDR, was addressing a valve-releasing carbon injection.
  - Staff advised that Covanta sets the reagent limits, confirming no changes have been made to the activated carbon. Lime rate is controlled based on CEMs measurements which is automatically controlled and adjusted based on controller calculations.
- 19. With regard to reference that some developers may be allowed by Durham to opt out of the Multi-Residential Program. Staff were requested if consideration is being made to update Durham's Waste By-Law to mandate participation by new builds.
  - Staff confirmed the requirement to participate in all three streams exists if the building is expecting to receive Regional services. Legislation (Ontario Regulation 103-94 s.10) puts the onus on the building, and it is a legal matter with regard to whether Durham has jurisdiction to mandate capture—staff are currently in discussion with Legal and will be working with Durham solicitors to ensure residents are being provided with the opportunities to divert waste and are looking to assess issues encountered at some sites. Durham is unable to dictate the use of specific equipment and further, do not approve building plans, as this is the responsibility of the local area municipality. Durham sets standards for waste collection only and staff has indicated that it also depends on equipment specifications (old tri-sorters vs. new three chutes).
- 20. Staff were asked if the same practices identified on page 43 of the ECA Report is applicable to Durham files, and separately, with regard to the Streamlined EA capacity increase, if the MECP had mentioned in discussion with Durham and York Regions those requests submitted to MECP asking for improved monitoring plans and inclusion of additional parameters.
  - Durham follows the practices that are outlined on page 43 of the ECA.

- The Regions provided responses to the Municipality of Clarington in March 2022, and additional modelling was not included in the discussion.
- 21. It was questioned if the Region of Durham's Annual Waste Management Report could be released earlier than October, and instead be shared at a similar time as when the ECA Report is issued, with consideration to it having been made available, pre-DYEC, much earlier which also included its presentation to Works Committee.
  - Staff confirmed the Annual Waste Management Report is not being held up administratively, with every effort made to publish the document as early as possible with considerations made to data analysis, file accessibility, and staffing workloads.
- 22. Staff were asked to consider scheduling the next annual meeting earlier in the year, and provide draft minutes within a reasonable time frame, with the inclusion of the requested follow up committed to by staff, as discussed during this meeting.
  - Staff advised that draft minutes are anticipated to be issued within two months post-meeting, with date of next meeting confirmed.

Post-meeting note: The 2024 meeting is proposed to be held on **Friday, June 21** with time to be determined and members canvassed for availability.

Staff thanked members for providing comments and respective involvement in overseeing the Facility.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Enclosed: December 2023 Update to EFWAC by A. Porteous, Supervisor, Waste Operations

#### **Meeting attendees:**

- A. Evans, Director, Waste Management Services, The Regional Municipality of Durham (member)
- M. Fareed, Contract Management Engineer, Waste Management, The Regional Municipality of York (alternate)
- L. Akeson, Manager, Waste Services, Town of Whitby (member)
- C. Jones, Director, Planning Regulation, Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (member)
- L. Gasser, Zero Waste for Zero Burning (member)
- W. Bracken, Durham Environment Watch (alternate)
- N. Ratnasingam, Climate Change Response Coordinator, Municipality of Clarington (member)
- B. Withrow, Facilitator, Meeting Facilitators International
- S. Mensour, Waste Coordinator, Town of Whitby (guest)
- A. Porteous, Supervisor, Waste Operations, The Regional Municipality of Durham (guest)
- B. Parayankuzhiyil, DYEC Facility Manager, Covanta
- S. Kaur, Environmental Specialist, Covanta
- L. Milne, Acting Director, Waste Management and Forestry Operations, The Regional Municipality of Durham (member)
- R. Jagannathan, Acting Commissioner, Works, The Regional Municipality of Durham
- G. Anello, Director, Waste Management Services, The Regional Municipality of Durham (alternate)
- K. Dykman, Supervisor, Waste Services, The Regional Municipality of Durham
- N. Williams, Project Manager, Waste Services, The Regional Municipality of Durham
- L. Waller, Works Technician, Waste Management Services, The Regional Municipality of Durham
- R. McCormick, Works Technician, Waste Management Services, The Regional Municipality of Durham
- M. Smart, Administrative Assistant, Works Department, The Regional Municipality of Durham
- R. Inacio, Corporate Services Information Technology, The Regional Municipality of Durham



# **December Update**

**EFWAC** 

December 18, 2023



### **Curbside Green Bin**

- SSO AD processing agreement awarded to Seacliff Energy, Leamington – July 1, 2024
- Enhanced Green Bin promotion to residents will start late spring 2024. Anticipate residents will start adding newly accepted material to Green Bin immediately when promotion starts.
  - Divert diapers/sanitary waste and pet waste to your Green Bin for weekly pick up.
- Additional Green Bins will continue to be available for purchase at cost at the Waste Management Centre, 4600 Garrard, Whitby.
- Council Report February 8, 2023 2023-WR-3



# **Multi-residential Organics Program**

- Request for Proposal for providing the MR organics program closed on October 19 – two bids.
- Report to December 6 Works Committee with recommended supplier and seeking approval to implement a phased in program.
- Working to establish a shared services agreement with Whitby and Oshawa for the Region to provide organics collection in multi-residential buildings in those municipalities.
- All 417 MR buildings have been reviewed and divided into three categories of readiness:
  - Ready to Implement (64%)
  - Minor Changes Required (32%)
  - Significant Site Challenges (4%)



### **Blue Box Transition**

- Miller Waste awarded the interim transition blue box collection contract for Ajax, Pickering, Clarington, Scugog, Uxbridge, Brock (July 1, 2024 – Dec 31, 2025).
- GFL awarded the interim transition blue box collection contract for Whitby and Oshawa (July 1, 2024 Dec 31, 2025).
- Circular Materials (CMO) finalizing contract details with Miller and GFL.
- Small businesses currently receiving BB service will continue to do so until Dec 31, 2025.
- CMO will not provide this service in 2026 and beyond.
- Report pending on logistical and financial implications of Durham providing own small business BB service after transition.



### Blue Box Transition cont'd

- Durham has offered 311 contact centre services to Miller and GFL.
- HGC, Durham MRF contractor, awarded receiving operations at Durham MRF by CMO.



## **Curbside Giveaway Day**

- Successful pilot held on September 16.
- Over 800 residents provided feedback via the Region's post event survey.
- Overall feedback was very positive:
  - o Residents would like to see an annual or more frequent event
  - Advertising is a challenge to reach critical mass of residents
  - Some concerns about scavenging
- Seeking Council approval to make the event permanent with spring and fall dates.





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# **Questions?**

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### **Meeting 21 Agenda**

**Advisory Committee Annual Report** 

Once a date has been finalized an Agenda will be released.