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**Re: Durham/York Energy from Waste Project
2020 Annual Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Report
Minister's Notice of Approval Condition 20.8
Environmental Compliance Approval Condition 7(14)**

Dear Mr. Anello and Ms. McDowell,

Thank you for the above-noted submission. This letter serves as a confirmation of receipt of the 2020 Annual Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Report (report) dated April 23, 2021, prepared by RWDI on behalf of Durham and York Regions. The report was submitted in accordance with Condition 20.8 of the Environmental Assessment (EA) Notice of Approval and Condition 7(14) of the Environment Compliance Approval for this project.

Staff have reviewed the 2020 report and have no concerns with the water quality results presented in the 2020 report. The 2020 report has also adequately addressed the questions in the ministry's review of the previous annual monitoring report.

The ministry agrees with your recommendation to continue the groundwater monitoring program as previously approved (one sampling event per year). We are also comfortable with you including bromide in the sampling program to help assess potential sources of elevated chlorides observed in the groundwater.

In addition, after review of the monitoring report, we also support your request to continue the suspension of the surface water sampling during construction in the area.

In accordance with EA Condition 20.3(d), a meeting is required to discuss the results of the monitoring program and any potential changes that could be made to the program. To fulfil this

requirement, my office will propose that we add an agenda item to discuss the monitoring program at the next scheduled quarterly meeting the Ministry has scheduled with Durham Region, and also invite staff from York Region as appropriate.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Erinn Lee, Regional Environmental Assessment Coordinator at erinn.lee@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



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