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Dear Mr. Anello and Ms. McDowell,

Re: Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) – Operations Phase Audit Plan Revision 1 and Third Party Audit Report – Operations Year 2019

I am writing in response to your request seeking the ministry's acceptance of revisions in the Operations Phase Audit Plan to update the language in the plan and the timing for the annual completion of the audit and a delay in the audit regarding the 2019 operations. Your request is due to the fact that the auditors will not be able to physically inspect the facility to complete the audit because of access restrictions related to the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. In support of this request, the Regions submitted a revised Operations Phase Audit Plan, dated April 7, 2020. The revised plan does not change the required audit scope or method or the role of the independent auditor. It does provide updated information and adds a requirement to notify the ministry where there is a change in auditing firms and a new provision that, in the event of an emergency situation such that the auditors are prevented from undertaking the annual audit, the audit would be deferred and completed within six (6) months of the emergency situation being resolved.

Nothing is more important than the health and well-being of every Ontarian. As the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve locally and globally, Ontario understands the impact it has had on the regulated community and supports you taking the necessary steps to keep your employees, clients and customers safe, while ensuring continuity of operations.

As you are aware, the third party audit plan and annual audit are requirements of Condition 16 of the Environmental Assessment Notice of Approval and Conditions 15(2) and (3) of the Environmental Compliance Approval 7306-8FDKXX. In your letters, dated March 26, 2020 and April 14, 2020 and the email dated April 20, 2020, you have outlined the challenges being experienced by the Regions.

In consideration of the challenges facing organizations and all Ontarians during the current COVID-19 outbreak and based on the information you provided in the revised Operations Phase Audit Plan, dated April 7, 2020, the ministry acknowledges that the submitted revised Operations Phase Audit Plan is satisfactory.

As discussed, the Regions shall provide an update on the status of the third party audit of the 2019 Operations Year during the upcoming DYEC quarterly meetings.

We are all working together to stop this outbreak and hope that normal business operations will resume as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please contact Phil Dunn at (905)424-2808 or philip.dunn@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,

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