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## The Regional Municipality of Durham News Release

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### Regions proposing to increase waste processing limit by 20,000 tonnes at Durham York Energy Centre

**Whitby, Ontario** – The Regional Municipalities of Durham and York have begun the Environmental Screening Process to increase the amount of waste processed each year at the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) by 20,000 tonnes.

“The Environmental Compliance Approval for the Durham York Energy Centre currently allows the facility to process a maximum of 140,000 tonnes of waste per year. Durham and York Regions, who co-own the facility, are proposing to increase the Environmental Compliance Approval capacity to 160,000 tonnes,” said Mirka Januszkiewicz, Director of Waste Management. “This state-of-the-art facility is already capable of processing 160,000 tonnes per year with its current equipment and therefore will not require any additional infrastructure. This additional capacity would allow for more efficient use of the existing facility—reducing our reliance on alternate waste disposal facilities outside Durham’s borders.”

The Notice of Commencement will be available on the project website. There will be Public Information Centres in the summer and fall; watch for further communications about engagement opportunities, or sign up for email updates at [DurhamYorkWaste.ca](http://DurhamYorkWaste.ca) on the home page, under the What’s New section.

The DYEC, located in Courtice, is Durham Region’s primary long-term disposal option for waste and only processes the household waste remaining after Durham and York Regions’ aggressive composting, recycling and reuse programs. Both regions are leaders in waste diversion with diversion rates consistently above 60 per cent.

Learn more about the DYEC at [DurhamYorkWaste.ca](http://DurhamYorkWaste.ca), call 1-800-667-5671, or email [info@durhamyorkwaste.ca](mailto:info@durhamyorkwaste.ca).

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