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April 28, 2017

Tina Dufresne, Director, Central Region
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Dear Ms. Dufresne:

**RE: Durham/York Energy from Waste Project
Third Party Independent Audit Report - Operation Year 2016
Environmental Assessment (EA) Condition of Approval Number 16.5
Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) 15(2)
MOECC File #: EA-08-02**

In accordance with Condition 16.5 of the Notice of Approval to Proceed with the Undertaking (Environmental Assessment (EA)) and Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) Condition 15(2), The Regional Municipality of Durham and The Regional Municipality of York (Regions) have received the enclosed Operations Phase Independent Audit Report on the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) covering the 2016 operating year.

Malroz Environmental Scientists and Engineers (Malroz) commenced the operations phase audit on April 6, 2017, in accordance with the submitted Operations Phase Audit Plan. The operations phase audit was completed by Malroz, and submitted to the Regions on April 28, 2017.

In Section 6.0 of the audit report (Summary and Recommendations), Malroz states: "In the opinion of the auditors, operations at the site are undertaken in substantial accordance with the requirements of the EA Approval, Environmental Compliance Approval (formerly Certificate of Approval), and regulatory requirements".

The audit is comprised of three parts, namely: document review, site walkthrough, and interviews. The audit report states that areas of non-compliance were not identified.

Two areas of improvement were identified. The auditors recommend including in the Annual Report a timeline of events, a summary of reporting to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) and their concurrence or disagreement with the approach taken surrounding the 2016 spring dioxin and furan exceedance and the fires. Additionally, the auditors stated that the DYEC entrance sign was partially obstructed by landscaping, and identified some dead trees that need to be replaced during the upcoming planting season.

A copy of the audit report will be retained at the site and posted on the project website (www.durhamyorkwaste.ca) in accordance with ECA Condition 15(3). The audit report will also be submitted to the Energy from Waste Advisory Committee for information.

If you require any further information, please contact Mr. Gioseph Anello, Manager of Waste Planning and Technical Services, at 905-668-7711 extension 3445.

Sincerely,

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