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Ms. Agatha Garcia-Wright, Director  
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And

Ms. Dolly Goyette, Director Central Region  
Ministry of the Environment – Place Nouveau  
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Dear Ms. Garcia-Wright and Ms. Goyette:

**Re: Durham York Energy Centre Project  
Submission of the Regional Municipality of York Waste Diversion Program  
Monitoring Plan (Environmental Assessment Condition 10)  
MOE File No.: EA-08-02**

York Region is pleased to provide the 2012 Waste Diversion Report in accordance with the Durham York Energy Centre Environmental Assessment which requires an annual waste diversion report to be submitted to the Ministry of Environment by November 3.

York Region, in partnership with our nine local municipalities, collectively deliver waste management services to meet the needs of our growing population, currently over 1.1 million residents. Together we have completed the SM4RT Living Plan, also known as the Integrated Waste Management Plan. This plan will allow the Region to achieve long-term sustainability and maintain its position as a waste management leader by focusing on the 4Rs hierarchy. This includes reduction and reuse to minimize waste generation, while maximizing recycling, composting and energy recovery opportunities.

Our Local Municipal partners provide contracted curbside collection services to residents, including bulky waste and white goods pick up. Some municipalities offer additional opportunities to drop off waste materials through special electronics waste collection days, community reuse events, public recycling depots and environment days.

York Region is responsible for the processing and marketing of blue box recyclables, disposal of residential residual waste and processing of source separated organics collected by our Local Municipal Partners as well as operating a network of Community Environmental Centres and public drop off depots for items such as household hazardous waste, waste electronics and construction and demolition materials.

York Region's waste diversion monitoring is consistent with the Waste Diversion Ontario annual municipal datacall that compiles information on residential materials diverted and disposed by Ontario municipalities. The data is used to calculate residential diversion rates using Generally Accepted Principles (GAP) and is reported in an aggregate format for York Region and the local municipalities.

York Region has an unverified diversion rate of 57 per cent for 2012. The attached "York Region 2012 Annual Waste Diversion Report " summarizes York Region's integrated waste management system.

In 2012, York Region focused on a number of initiatives including:

- Construction of the Durham York Energy Centre
- Pursuing options for Source Separated Organics processing infrastructure to secure a long-term, sustainable option for York Region's Green Bin organics
- Securing an agreement with Lafleche Environmental Inc. in Moose Creek, Ontario to provide additional processing capacity of source separated organics in 2013
- Completion of Phase II of the Integrated Waste Management Master Plan including extensive public engagement of over 6,000 touchpoints with residents and stakeholders through events like 'Places and Spaces' events, an online open house, website, Project Team meetings and the Stakeholder Advisory Committee
- Improving blue box capture with the addition of new materials such as spiral wound containers while working in partnership with the Local Municipalities to reduce blue box contamination
- Extensive promotion and education including community outreach, material recovery facility tours and blue box contamination communication campaigns
- Continued engagement in stewardship discussions in support of a balanced model of extended producer responsibility

York Region's 2012 Waste Diversion Report has been submitted to the Durham York Energy from Waste Advisory Committee for information. In addition, the Annual Diversion Report has been posted on the York Region website at [www.york.ca/waste](http://www.york.ca/waste).

The Durham York Energy Centre distinguishes York and Durham Regions as leaders in North America when it comes to energy and material recovery and our investment in considering residual waste as a resource. We trust that this 2012 Diversion Report meets the requirements outlined in the Minister's Notice of Approval. If you require additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Laura McDowell, P.Eng.  
Director, Environmental Promotion and Protection

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Attachment - York Region Waste Diversion Report 2012

Copy to:

- I. Panott, Manager, Approval Services, Ministry of Environment
- D. Fumerton, District Manager, York Durham District Office, Ministry of the Environment
- M. Januszkiewicz, Director, Waste Management, The Regional Municipality of Durham
- D. Kelly, Regional Clerk, the Regional Municipality of York
- P. Madill, Regional Clerk, the Regional Municipality of Durham
- Energy from Waste Advisory Committee (EFWAC)

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