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Dear Ms. Hedley 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**

The attached *York Region 2015 Annual Diversion Report* is being submitted to satisfy the Durham York Energy Centre Environmental Assessment condition for diversion reporting. The report summarizes York Region's integrated waste management system that delivers sustainable waste management programs and infrastructure to meet the needs of our growing communities.

In 2015, the Region achieved 64 per cent diversion from landfill after curbside collection, calculated in accordance with Waste Diversion Ontario requirements (verification pending). York Region and its local municipalities continue to rank first among large urban municipalities in Ontario.

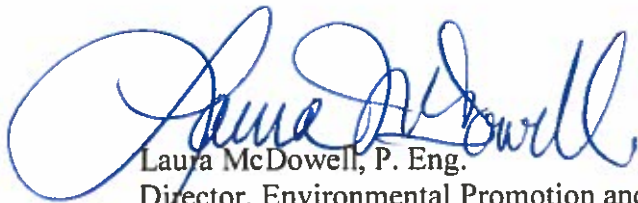
York Region is a two tier municipality, home to almost 1.2 million residents and is one of Canada's largest regional municipalities. The *SM4RT Living Integrated Waste Management Master Plan (SM4RT Living Plan)* was developed in partnership with our local municipalities and summarizes waste management within York Region over the next 38 years. Included in this submission is the *SM4RT Living Plan Balanced Scorecard* that provides an update on the Integrated Waste Management Master Plan achievements.

In 2015, York Region focused attention on increasing diversion from landfill and waste reduction through a number of initiatives including:

- Implementation of 16 *SM4RT Living Plan* Initiatives with a strong focus on waste reduction, reuse and recycling as presented in the *Balanced Scorecard*
- Launching York Region's *Good Food Program* that focuses on food waste reduction and making good purchasing and cooking choices to improve health, reduce stress and allow more family time
- Continued multi-year blue box contamination campaign in an effort to educate residents on items that do not belong in the blue box, as well as other blue box best practices
- Consistent promotion and education including community outreach, special events and school presentations
- Continued promotion of Community Environmental Centres through the *Take Back your Space* campaign to educate residents on items that can be reused and recycled
- Continued engagement in stewardship discussions in support of a balanced model of extended producer responsibility
- Commissioning Durham York Energy Centre Energy-from-Waste facility

York Region's *2015 Annual Diversion Report* has been submitted to the Energy-from-Waste Advisory Committee and posted on the York Region website at [www.york.ca](http://www.york.ca). We trust that this satisfies Environmental Assessment Condition 10 in the Durham York Energy Centre approval, requiring annual diversion reporting. If you require additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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