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TO: Ms. Mirka Januszkiewicz Director, Waste Management The Regional Municipality of Durham 605 Rossland Road East Whitby ON L1N 6A3

> Ms. Laura McDowell Director, Environmental Promotion and Protection The Regional Municipality of York 17250 Yonge Street Newmarket ON L3Y 6Z1

RE: Durham and York Residual Waste Study Amended Environmental Assessment 2012 Annual Groundwater and Surface Water Report

Dear Ms. Januszkiewicz and Ms. McDowell:

Thank you for your letter dated October 18, 2013 in which the Regional Municipalities of Durham and York provide responses to the Ministry of the Environment's concerns with the first year of surface water monitoring as described in the Durham and York Residual Waste Study Amended Environmental Assessment 2012 Annual Groundwater and Surface Water Report.

The Ministry of the Environment has completed its review of the 2012 Groundwater and Surface Water Report, and the Regional Municipalities of Durham and York's responses to the Ministry's previous comments, and is satisfied that the submission of the document fulfills the requirement of Condition 20.8 of the Environmental Assessment Act Notice of Approval.

Should you have any questions please contact Mr. Gavin Battarino, Project Officer of this Branch at telephone 416-212-4279 or by e-mail at <u>gavin.battarino@ontario.ca</u>.

Yours sincerely,

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