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**Re: Durham/York Energy from Waste Project
2021 Annual Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Report
Minister's Notice of Approval Condition 20.8
Environmental Compliance Approval Condition 7(14)**

Dear Mr. Anello and Ms. McDowell,

Thank you for the above-noted submission. This letter serves as a confirmation of receipt of the 2021 Annual Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Report (report) dated April 27, 2022, prepared by Rowan Williams Davies & Irwin Inc. on behalf of Durham and York Regions. The report was submitted in accordance with Condition 20.8 of the Environmental Assessment (EA) Notice of Approval and Condition 7(14) of the Environment Compliance Approval for this project.

The ministry agrees with the proposal to hold the Surface Water Monitoring Program in abeyance until construction in the area subsides and to initiate an evaluation of the Program upon the completion of construction activities in the area.

The ministry also agrees to continue groundwater monitoring set out by the Regions in the *Durham-York Energy Centre Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan*, amended to one collection event per year and to include bromide in the list of analytes.

In accordance with EA Condition 20.3(d), a meeting is required to discuss the results of the monitoring program and any potential changes that could be made to the program. I trust that following consultation with the York-Durham District Office, this item can be added to our regularly scheduled meetings.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Vincent Bulman at Vincent.Bulman@ontario.ca

Sincerely,



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