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Re: Durham/York Energy from Waste Project
2022 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 2022 Annual Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Report (report) on April 25, 2023, prepared by RWDI 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 withholding the Surface Water Monitoring Program in abeyance until construction in the area subsides and initiating an evaluation of the Program upon the completion of construction activities in the area.

No concerns were identified with the groundwater monitoring set out by the Regions in the *Durham-York Energy Centre Groundwater and Surface Water Monitoring Plan*.

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 Ted Belayneh @ <u>Ted.Belayneh@ontario.ca</u>

Sincerely,

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