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April 29, 2021

Lisa Trevisan, Director, Central Region
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Dear Ms. Trevisan:

**RE: Durham/York Energy from Waste Project
Third Party Independent Audit Report - Operation Year 2020
Environmental Assessment (EA) Condition of Approval Number 16.5
Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) 15(2)
MECP File #: EA-08-02**

In accordance with Condition 16.5 of the Notice of Approval to Proceed with the Undertaking (EA) and ECA Condition 15(2), The Regional Municipality of Durham and The Regional Municipality of York (Regions) have received the enclosed Operations Phase Independent Audit Report (Audit Report) on the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC) covering the 2020 operating year.

BluMetric commenced the operations phase audit on April 7 and 8, in accordance with the Operations Phase Audit Plan dated April 7, 2020. The operations phase audit was completed by BluMetric and submitted to the Regions on April 21, 2021.

The Executive Summary of the Audit Report states, "For the 2020 operational year, DYEC operated in general accordance with environmental legislations and their Environmental Assessment conditions."

The audit is comprised of three parts, namely: document review, site walkthrough, and interviews. With respect to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the precautionary measures in place, the internal site walkthrough was undertaken via Microsoft Teams video meeting application.

The Audit Report identified one new non-compliance relating to signing of manifests and three opportunities for improvement pertaining to spill procedures, contractor activities and the presence of litter. There was one outstanding item remaining from the previous year's audit pertaining to the placement of visual screening of the site.

A copy of the Audit Report will be retained at the site and posted on the project website (www.durhamyorkwaste.ca) in accordance with ECA Condition 15(3). The Audit Report will also be submitted to the Energy from Waste Advisory Committee for information.

If you require any further information, please contact Gioseph Anello, Director, Waste Management Services, at 905-668-7711 extension 3445.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure