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April 29, 2022

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 2021
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 2021 operating year.

BluMetric commenced the operations phase audit on April 13 and 14, 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 28, 2022.

The Executive Summary of the Audit Report states, "For the 2021 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 using on-site Personal Protective Equipment which included social distancing and wearing face coverings.

The Audit Report identified two non-compliance relating to adhering to procedures with cylinder tanks and site signage. Additionally, seven opportunities for improvement pertaining to spill procedures, inspection documentation and replacement of faded precautionary labels. There were two outstanding items and one opportunity for improvement remaining from the previous operational year external audits.

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