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Dear Mr. Evans, Ms. McDowell and Mr. Parayankuzhiyil,

**RE: Durham York Energy Centre  
Third Party Independent Audit Report – Operations Year 2022**

I acknowledge receipt of the Third Party Independent Audit Report - Operations Year 2022, (Report) dated April 28, 2023. The Report has been submitted in accordance with the Operations Phase Audit Plan and as required by Condition 16.5 of the Notice to Proceed with the Undertaking (EA Approval), and Condition 15(3) of the Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA).

The Report was prepared in accordance with Condition 16.4 of the EA Approval, Condition 15(2) of the ECA and meets the requirements of the Operations Phase Audit Plan.

It is my understanding that the Regions continue to work with the Municipality of Clarington to address the audit finding in Table 1 (Previous Audit Findings) of the report regarding visual screening. Ministry staff have also confirmed that the remaining items and recommendations in Table 1 have been addressed or will be implemented.

With the exception of the comments above, I have no concerns with the Report at this time. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Celeste Dugas, District Manager, York Durham District Office at [celeste.dugas@ontario.ca](mailto:celeste.dugas@ontario.ca) or (905)442-3105.

Sincerely,



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