

Durham York Energy Centre Throughput Increase (From 140,000 to 160,000 tonnes per year)



Notice of Commencement

Works Department

July 3, 2019

Public Notice

The Regional Municipalities of Durham and York, the owners of the Durham York Energy Centre (DYEC), have commenced an Environmental Screening Process in accordance with the Waste Management Projects Regulation (Ontario Regulation 101/07) of the Environmental Assessment Act to amend the Environmental Compliance Approval for the DYEC.

The DYEC site is located at 1835 Energy Drive in the Municipality of Clarington, Ontario, Canada, and has been in commercial operation since 2016. The DYEC is a waste management facility that produces energy from the combustion of residential garbage that remains after maximizing waste diversion programs in Durham and York regions.

The Proposed Undertaking

The Environmental Compliance Approval for the DYEC currently allows the facility to process up to a maximum of 140,000 tonnes per year of waste, for disposal at the site. The Regions are proposing to increase this amount by 20,000 tonnes per year, for a total of 160,000 tonnes. The facility is capable of processing 160,000 tonnes per year with its current equipment; and is currently being underutilized despite demand for additional waste disposal capacity for residential waste within the Regions. If approved, the expanded tonnage will allow for greater usage of the existing facility, reducing the reliance on alternate waste disposal facilities outside the Regions' borders.

The Process

The proposed project is subject to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks' Environmental Screening Process for Waste Management Projects, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 101/07 under the Environmental Assessment Act. The results will be documented in an Environmental Screening Report, which will be released for public and agency review.

During the June 26, 2019 Durham Regional Council Meeting, Council provided the approval to conduct the Environmental Assessment Terms of Reference for a separate and possible future expansion to 250,000 tonnes per year at the DYEC. As well, Council approved plans to construct an anaerobic digestion facility with mixed waste processing. These are separate projects and will be conducted under individual approvals processes.

Consultation

There will be public consultations this summer and fall regarding the study. Information will be released as the study progresses. For more information about this project visit DurhamYorkWaste.ca or sign up for email updates under the What's New section on the home page.

Under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Environmental Assessment Act, unless otherwise stated in the submission, any personal information included in a submission will become part of the public record files for this matter and will be released, if requested, to any person.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the staff member listed below from the Regional Municipality of Durham, Works Department:

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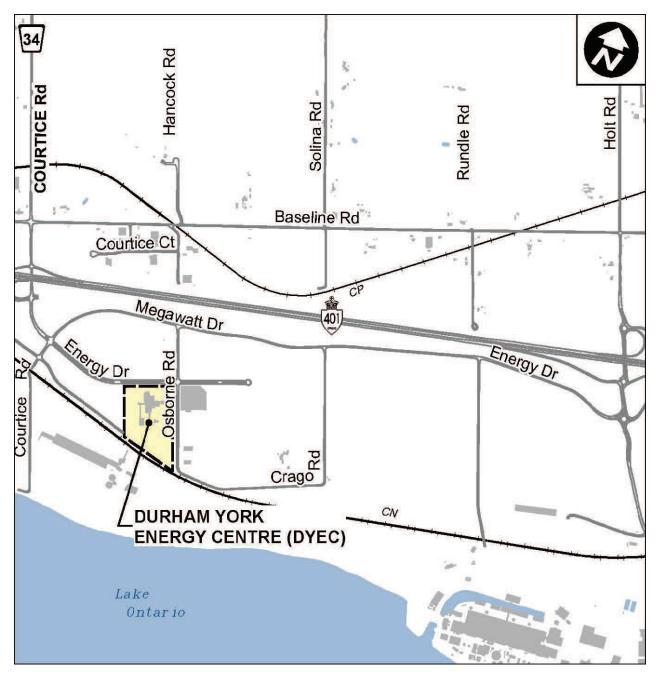


Figure 1: Environmental Assessment Study Area