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**Central Region** 

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Re: Durham/York Energy from Waste Project 2018 Annual Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Report Notice of Approval, Condition 11

Dear Ms. Januszkiewicz and Ms. McDowell,

The ministry's Central Region Technical Support Section has reviewed the 2018 Annual Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Report dated March 26, 2019 prepared by RWDI for Stations 45200 (Rundle), 45201 (Courtice) and the Fenceline Station.

Overall, the statistics reported in the 2018 Annual Report meet the quarterly reporting requirements stipulated in the ministry's Operations Manual for Air Quality Monitoring in Ontario (2018). Based on the supporting documentation provided, the data for continuous parameters including  $PM_{2.5}$ ,  $NO_2$  and  $SO_2$  is deemed valid. Based on the supporting documentation provided, the data for non-continuous parameters including dioxins and furans, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), total suspended particulate (TSP) and metals is also deemed valid.

We offer the following comment for future annual reports:

The numerical values required to calculate a CAAQS metric value to compare the DYEC data against the PM<sub>2.5</sub> 2015 Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS) were missing in the 2018 Annual report and were subsequently provided by the Region. Please ensure that the 2019 Annual Report includes a dedicated section comparing DYEC PM<sub>2.5</sub> data to the

PM<sub>2.5</sub> 2015 CAAQS by providing the calculated CAAQS metrics. Further, reporting against the 2020 PM<sub>2.5</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> CAAQS shall begin with the 2020 Annual Report.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. If there are any technical questions or concerns regarding these comments, please contact Amanda Graham, Air Quality Analyst at (416) 326-5745.

Sincerely,

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