October 10, 2008

Mr. Scott Duvall
Deputy Mayor
City of Hamilton
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Dear Mr. Duvall:

The Minister of the Environment received your June 27, 2008 letter regarding a resolution passed by the City of Hamilton Council on June 25, 2008 with respect to Sevenson Environmental Services and the Newalta Landfill in Stoney Creek. The minister has asked that I respond to you on his behalf.

The Newalta Landfill in Stoney Creek is only approved to receive solid-non-hazardous waste from industrial, commercial and institutional sources. PCB contaminated waste, meaning waste containing more than 50 parts per million of PCB, is considered hazardous and, as such, cannot be accepted at this landfill site. As you may be aware, the ministry has an inspector wholly dedicated to overseeing the Newalta Stoney Creek Landfill to ensure that unacceptable waste is not received at this site.

To date, I am informed that no application has been received by my ministry from Newalta Industrial Services Inc. seeking permission to receive PCB contaminated waste at the Stoney Creek Landfill. The application in question was provided to the Ministry of the Environment for a decommissioning project in Thorold to be undertaken by Sevenson Environmental Services.

In the application, the Newalta Stoney Creek Landfill was identified as the waste disposal site that would receive only the solid-non hazardous portion of the waste from this decommissioning; however, this material ultimately did not go to the landfill.

It is acceptable for Newalta Stoney Creek Landfill to accept soils from decommissioning clean-ups that have been sampled and classified as non-hazardous.
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I trust this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

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West Central Region

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    Environmental Commissioner of Ontario

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    Hamilton Centre

    Ms. Sophia Aggelonitis, MPP  
    Hamilton Mountain

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