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RE: Niagara Escarpment Plan Amendment PS 161 05
Duntroon Quarry Expansion
Township of Clearview
NEC Plan Amendment Applications

Dear Ms. Pounder:

This memorandum is an update on the status of our review of the above application.

The Ministry of Environment (MOE) has conducted a comprehensive review of the submitted reports. The reports indicate that many of the predicted effects are either "insignificant" or can be adequately mitigated. The proposed draft Adaptive Management Plan uses the same strategy that has been used for many years at the existing Duntroon Quarry and this approach is acceptable to the MOE.

We have not identified any issues or concerns regarding water resources that are unacceptable to the MOE and cannot be addressed through implementation of appropriate mitigation measures. However, this should not be construed to mean that the MOE has accepted all aspects of the proposed water management strategy at this time, as presented in the documents reviewed. The comments provided here should not be interpreted as acceptance or rejection of future Permit to Take Water and Certificate of Approval applications.

We expect to finalize our review and provide you with the final comments by Friday, July 3rd, 2009.

Sincerely,

Dan Orr
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