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Subject: Comments on Application NEPA 161 05 (Duntroon Licence Expansion), Clearvirew Twoship, Simcoe County

Kathy:

Staff of this Ministry have completed a review of the above-noted proposal in terms of the goals and objectives of this Ministry and the criteria contained in the 2005 Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and the Niagara Escarpment Plan. The following technical comments are provided.

The subject lands are located in part of lots 25 & 26, concession 12, and part of lot 25, concession 11 (Nottawasaga), Clearview Township, Simcoe County. The area to be licenced as a quarry totals 127 hectares of which 68.3 hectares will be extracted. The extraction is proposed to go below the water table.

On October 27, 2003 & May 27, 2003 OMAFRA staff provided comments to Brent Clarkson that the subject lands do not lie within a provincially significant prime agricultural area as per the 1997 PPS. These lands were found to be primarily comprised of Class 4 to 7 agricultural soils as per Canada Land Inventory mapping at a scale of 1:50,000. Consequently this Ministry had no concerns with the proposed aggregate application.

The subject lands were confirmed to be primarily (68.1%) comprised of Class 4, 5, 6 and muck agricultural soils as per the Agricultural Impact Assessment Report prepared by Stantec Consulting (September 27, 2007). The subject lands are still considered not to be part of a prime agricultural area as per the 2005 PPS. This Ministry continues to have no concerns with the proposed aggregate application.

While the above represents the Ministry's interpretation of provincial policy with regard to agricultural land, it does not reflect an overall provincial position. There may be planning concerns or interests of other agencies that should be regarded, in addition to any municipal planning considerations.

Should you have any questions please contact this office.

Yours truly,

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Carol and Sharon - This amendment application for a quarry was circulated originally in July 2006. I have reviewed my files and not found a comment from OMAFRA. The local Township of Clearview may also have circulated this application and you may have commented to them. If you commented on the original circulation could you send me a copy of those comments. In 2007 Walkers updated this evaluation - they were asked to do this based on the potential cumulative impacts of having another quarry located across County Road 31. I have enclosed the most recent update of this report for your information and review. Should you have any questions regarding this file, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. Thank you

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