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Mr. Hubert Bourque  
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Dear Mr. Bourque:

Thank you for submitting your Terms of Reference for an environmental assessment of the proposed Capital Region Resource Recovery Centre on September 14, 2012, as amended on November 16, 2012. The ministry has completed its review and I wish to inform you that I have approved your Terms of Reference for the preparation of an environmental assessment with regard to the proposed Capital Region Resource Recovery Centre.

After undertaking a comprehensive analysis of the Terms of Reference and carefully considering the issues raised by the public, stakeholder groups, and government reviewers; the responses provided by your company; and a detailed technical review by ministry staff I have approved the Terms of Reference with amendments that I consider necessary. I am satisfied that an environmental assessment prepared in accordance with this amended Terms of Reference will be consistent with the purpose of the Environmental Assessment Act and the public interest. The attached Notice of Approval sets out the amendments in detail.

Please note that I have amended the Terms of Reference to require you to undertake public consultation during the environmental assessment sufficient to demonstrate that the needs of interested persons have been considered. For example, I have clarified the consultation requirements for the technical workshops and the comparative evaluation of the two sites.

Your company has committed in the Terms of Reference to provide draft and final copies of the main environmental assessment report in both English and French. Building on this commitment, you are required to host public consultation sessions and conduct technical workshops in both French and English.

With the Terms of Reference now approved, the next step in the environmental assessment process is to evaluate the environmental risks of your proposal and confirm if the project is feasible. I expect that you will remain in regular contact with ministry staff as the studies proceed, and will make every effort to ensure that any issues are appropriately addressed.

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In addition, an important part of the environmental assessment process will be receiving input not only from government reviewers, but also from the public and Aboriginal communities. This consultation, including how you respond to any issues that are raised will be closely considered in the ministry's review of your application.

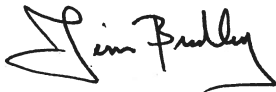
Before proceeding with the environmental assessment, please revise your Terms of Reference to include the amendments outlined in the attached Notice of Approval and submit a revised copy to the Director, Environmental Approvals Branch for the public record.

As required by subsection 6.1(1) of the Environmental Assessment Act, your environmental assessment must now be prepared in accordance with the approved Terms of Reference. While this approval provides additional certainty to your environmental assessment decision-making process, it does not secure approval of an undertaking. Taggart Miller Environmental Services is responsible for fulfilling the commitments outlined in the Terms of Reference and providing the appropriate level of quality in the environmental assessment.

Should you wish to vary significantly from your approved Terms of Reference, in preparing your environmental assessment you will need to submit a new or amended Terms of Reference for my approval. In the event of any uncertainty, you should consult with the Ministry of the Environment through the ministry's Environmental Approvals Branch.

Should you require further assistance please contact Jason Ryan, Supervisor, Environmental Assessment Services Section, Central and Eastern Unit of the Environmental Approvals Branch, at 416-314-7241 or by e-mail at [jason.ryan@ontario.ca](mailto:jason.ryan@ontario.ca).

Yours sincerely,



Jim Bradley  
Minister

Attachment – Notice of Approval

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