

Comments RE: ERO# 019-1444 and ERO# 019-1446

I have concerns with the potential impacts expected to result from the substantial number of trucks expected to drive from HWY#401 through residential neighbourhoods to the proposed facility 24 hours per day, 7 days a week, 365 days per year:

Particularly with the route using Port Union Road south to Lawrence Avenue and west to Coronation Drive.

This would warrant a complete traffic assessment through this residential neighbourhood as it will impact the safety of children crossing the road as there are schools along both sides of this route.

There will be environmental impacts expected due to exhaust fumes and odour due to the additional traffic as well as the organic waste that they will be carrying.

There will also be a significant noise increase to the residents along the route. Port Union Road is currently in the process of being widened to accommodate an additional traffic lane north and bike lanes. This will bring traffic closer to the houses as well as raise the road grades. There is currently a sound barrier wall that was installed in the 1980's that is in disrepair and falling down. It was installed as the bedroom windows on the east side are at the same grade as the road. With the extensive amount of trucks 24/7 and most with exhaust stacks above the sound barrier wall, this will affect residents sleep as they gear up/down and prevent opening of their windows. It will also be very dangerous for the residents using the new bike lanes being installed when these large vehicles are driving past them or turning.

I am not sure why you would truck this organic waste from all over Ontario through a high density residential area and truck digestate back out when there is plenty of land north of the City that could accommodate this facility without affecting residential neighbourhoods and their everyday living.