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Dear Ms. Blease:

**RE: ERO #019-5203, Implementation Pause of Excess Soil Requirements in Effect January 1, 2022**

The Regional Municipality of Halton forwarded a letter dated November 24, 2021 requesting a one year extension to the implementation of the O. Reg. 406/19 Excess Soil Regulation (see attached). This letter confirms the previously stated position supporting the pause of the implementation of O. Reg. 406/19 requirements that came into effect on January 1, 2022, until January 1, 2023.

The proposed pause is welcomed and would provide more time for refining procurement language and developing internal processes along with training materials. It would also allow greater opportunity to pursue potential collaborative options with neighbouring municipalities, further improve our functional understanding of the RPRA Soil Registry and gain greater insight into project delivery impacts.

We appreciate the Ministry's consideration of our concerns, and reiterate our support for the delay in implementing the full requirements of O. Reg. 406/19. We look forward to continuing to work in collaboration with policy staff at the Ministry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Farr".

Andrew Farr, P.Eng.  
Commissioner, Public Works

cc: Marek Braczek, Director, Engineering and Construction, Halton Region