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Sent via email: <u>Reema.Kureishy@ontario.ca</u>

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RE: ERO #019-6240, Amendments to Certain Requirements under the Excess Soil Regulation

Dear Ms. Kureishy:

This letter is to confirm that the Regional Municipality of Halton fully supports the proposed amendments to *Ontario Regulation 406/19*, as described in ERO posting 019-6240, to;

- remove reuse planning requirements from low-risk projects, and;
- amend the Soil Rules document to allow soil storage piles to be a maximum of 10,000 cubic metres

We appreciate the Ministry's efforts in considering ways of reducing municipality's regulatory burden as a means to achieving the desired outcome of efficiently managing excess soil while protecting the environment. We look forward to continuing to work in collaboration with policy staff at the Ministry.

Sincerely,

Marek Braczek (Acting)

Andrew Farr, P.Eng. Commissioner, Public Works

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

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