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Durham-York Residual Waste EA Study Project Timeline

Milestones achieved - 2005:	Month
York Region joins Durham Region in partnership on The Durham-York Residual Waste Environmental Assessment Study	April
Public consultation sessions/workshops on development of EA Terms of Reference held in York Region	May/June/ September/October
Milestones achieved - 2006:	**Month**
Study EA Terms of Reference approved by the Minister of the Environment	March
Public consultation on disposal alternatives and the proposed evaluation methodology	March
Public consultation on identification and recommendation of thermal treatment as the preferred disposal option	May
Alternative technologies evaluated and thermal treatment identified as preferred technology for project	June
Public and agency consultation on proposed methodology and criteria for facility siting	September
Milestones achieved - 2007:	**Month**
Short-list of potential facility sites approved at Durham and York Regional Councils. Public consultations conducted in York and Durham Regions	April
Generic Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment public consultations conducted in York and Durham Regions	June/July
Consultants announce Clarington 01 as the recommended preferred site for a thermal treatment facility	September
Public consultations on recommended preferred site	October/November
Milestones achieved - 2008:	**Month**
Durham and York Regional Councils accept the consulting team's recommendation of the preferred site in Clarington	January
Durham and York Regional Councils receive and accept short-list of qualified technology vendors	January
Site specific studies (Baseline Environmental, Archeological, Geotechnical, Natural Environment) initiated on preferred site	Spring/Summer
Durham and York Regions release Request for Proposal (RFP) for the design, construction, operation and maintenance of an energy-from-waste facility	August

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Milestones achieved - 2009:	Month
RFP Closes - Durham and York Regions receive four qualified vendor proposals and begin review process	February
Initial site-specific studies and assessments on preferred site released to the public for review	February
Report identifying Covanta as the preferred vendor accepted by Durham Regional Council	April
Draft Interim Environmental Assessment documents released to the public as part of the Durham/York Residual Waste Study	April
Remaining site-specific studies and assessments on preferred site released to the public for review	May
Public consultation in Durham Region on draft EA submission	May

Future plans – May 2009 and beyond:	Month
York Regional Council presented with the recommendation of Covanta as the preferred vendor	May
Environmental Assessment documents for the Durham/York Residual Waste Study considered by Durham and York Regional Councils	June
Environmental Assessment completed and submitted to the Ministry of the Environment (Pending Regional Council approvals)	June
EA review period	Summer 2009 to early 2010
Provincial EA comments back to Durham and York Regional Councils	Early 2010
Decision on final award of contract for the preferred vendor by Durham and York Regional Councils	Early 2010
Commencement of facility construction	Following regulatory approvals

For more information on the Durham/York Residual Waste Study, please visit the Study's website: www.durhamyorkwaste.ca or call the Study's hotline toll-free at 1-866-398-4423.

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