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Reg. Councillor Mario Ferri
Chair, Solid Waste Management Committee
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In a letter dated March 7, 2004, to the previous Chair, I protested that having the public fill in forms when we attend at the Hazardous Waste Depots is totally counterproductive because it does not prevent fraud and misrepresentation and the form becomes a dis-incentive for people to visit the depot because it is an extra bureaucratic step. Therefore, products that should go to the Depot are, instead just pitched into the garbage. Such a form is NOT a requirement for re-cycling depot visits. People move through their business at these Depots more quickly and pleasantly.

Since that letter I have learned from your staff that the form is:

- ② required by Provincial regulation;
- ② not ever used to for any positive purpose, neither identification nor statistical;
- ② filed in the bowels of the Region; and never referred to again!

I have also learned, from a visit to the Halton Hazardous Waste Depot, that they approach the Provincial requirement quite differently. Halton has its attendant note down the licence plate of each vehicle that visits. This practice speeds the visit and encourages the use of the site.

Therefore, I strongly suggest that, effective immediately, you adopt the Halton practice. You could then put all that paper to good use by recycling it and freeing up scads of filing space in the Regional Office.

Sincerely,

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Reg. Councillor Jack Heath
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