

Maple Springs Homeowners Group

February 7th, 2006

Ministry of the Environment

James O'Mara (Director)

George Rocoski (Assistant Director)

Timothy Edwards (Senior Review Engineer, Waste Unit Certificate of Approval Review Section)

Dear Mr. O' Mara, Mr. Rocoski & Mr. Edwards,

We would like to thank you for meeting with us and the Vaughan C.A.R.E.S. representatives on December 20th, 2005 to discuss and review the suggested changes to the Provisional Certificate of Approval (No. A 230634) and the request for re-instatement by Waste Excellence Corporation.

At this point in time, we cannot support the re-instatement of Provisional Certificate of Approval No. A230634 at 10525 Keele St (Vaughan) to any owner or operator.

In October 2004, the environmental catastrophes of two major fires and smoldering refuse lasting over three weeks, resulted in orders to remain indoors by the Vaughan Fire Department. This has left our community with concerns about water, soil, air pollution, and concerns for our health and well being. Since these occurrences, there have been multiple community meetings & demonstrations with attendees in the hundreds all communicating the same message, "We do not want any operation of a waste transfer facility on 10525 Keele Street (Vaughan). With the expanding residential development and the changing footprint of our community having a waste transfer facility less than 50 meters away from residential housing is not acceptable."

We do not feel that the amendments to the Certificate of Approval, provide our community with an adequate level of safeguard against any future infractions or mismanagement of set facility.

There has been no study conducted to support a need for any continued waste transfer operation on 10525 Keele Street in Vaughan.

The current legislation excludes any municipal involvement surrounding the policing/monitoring of Waste Transfer facilities and we believe this greatly limits the enforcement of any terms/conditions or amendments to the Provisional Certificate of Approval. The government resources do not appear to be available to adequately police/monitor and enforce the rules and regulations surrounding the Provisional Certificate of Approval as demonstrated by the multiple fires and infractions of 310 Waste at 10525 Keele Street (Vaughan) under certificate No. A230634.

The residents of our community absolutely oppose the re-instatement of Provisional Certificate of Approval No. A230634 at 10525 Keele St (Vaughan) and the Vaughan city council has consistently supported this stand.

If there are any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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