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Mr. Bill Fisch
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer
Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
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Dear Mr. Fisch:

Bill



Thank you for your letter of September 25, 2009 advising me about the recommendations of Regional Council's Planning and Economic Development Committee with regard to the report "Places to Grow - Simcoe Area: A Strategic Vision for Growth - Environmental Bill of Rights Registry Posting 010-6860, Regional Comments".

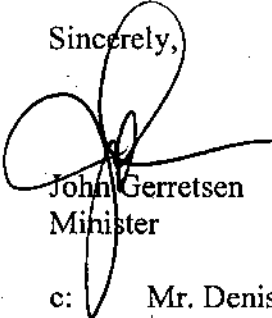
As Minister of the Environment, I appreciated receiving this material. I trust you will also have forwarded this information to other ministries who are involved in growth management, such as the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure. I am pleased to comment on Recommendation 6, relating to construction and/or operation of water and wastewater treatment facilities in the Lake Simcoe watershed.

Construction and/or operation of existing and proposed wastewater treatment facilities are subject to review by the ministry's Environmental Assessment and Approvals Branch. Each review is conducted on a site and project-specific basis. As part of the approvals process, we have built in a requirement for public consultation and impact assessments.

I assure you that water and wastewater facilities in the Lake Simcoe watershed will be reviewed based on the particular requirements of that watershed and relevant protection strategies, such as those set out in the Lake Simcoe Protection Plan.

I trust this information is helpful. Thank you, again, for sharing these recommendations with me.

Sincerely,


John Gerretsen
Minister

c: Mr. Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk