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Subject: Request to Hold Off on Issuing PTTW - EBR #010-3469 - St. Marys CBM Proposed Pumping Test

Dear Premier McGuinty:

I am asking for your personal intervention on a Permit To Take Water application that is being requested by St. Marys CBM development to the Ministry of Environment. The reason I seek your help is out of concern that a PTTW may in fact be issued by the MOE. I recently discovered a file with a long history of Hazardous contamination that was never evaluated. If this PTTW is allowed to go forward by the Ministry of Environment it will be issued without this critical site contamination file ever reaching the people who are responsible for commenting on this application.

I have only recently discovered that my Hamilton city staff were working off of a file that categorically denied the existence of any Hazardous Waste material at the property in question. This file was never uncovered until recently when I did a title search myself of the previous owners only to discover the MOE had the file but that it never made it into any records for the City or other departments' review process. In fact not only did it not form a part of the "Records of Site Condition", the ones that were filed categorically denied the existence of any Hazardous Waste material.

As a municipal representative for the City of Hamilton on the Halton-Hamilton Source Water Protection Committee, I can indicate that we are obviously aware of this proposed development, but are not formally engaged in review of this development. As you are aware, we are currently undertaking public consultation on the proposed Terms of Reference and its associated work plan and budget. The Terms of Reference must be completed before we move to complete threats assessment work and the source protection plan.

I would ask you to instruct the MOE to hold off on the PTTW being asked for by St. Mary's for two reasons. The public input on the PTTW application ended on June 6 and I am certain it will take some time to consider all the concerns addressed by my local community, as well as that of Milton, in light of this new file. In actual fact, the Hamilton office of the MOE was expected to hand down a decision on the PTTW back in December 2006 and the matter is still on hold. In light of this new information now being known about the Hazardous contamination issue, I can't expect that another month or two of delay would matter in the end and at least would provide us with a opportunity to look at this file. So I am asking you to direct both your Environment Minister, the Honorable Mr. Gerretsen, and the Hamilton branch of the MOE to hold off on their decision until we can better study the various infractions that took place in the past on this property.

Respectfully I ask for your assistance in rectifying what was a grave omission in this file, and as such request your help in ensuring that it is not perpetuated by allowing a PTTW to go forward that could irreversibly effect the most basic need, that of clean safe drinking water for my community.

Please read the letter I submitted to the MOE for further details.

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