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November 14, 2012

Carmela Marshall
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Re: Tottenham Aerodrome Fill Site

Dear Carmela Marshall:

Thank you for your October 23, 2012 email and letter regarding environmental concerns with the placement of fill at the Tottenham Aerodrome site, 8128 Highway 9 in the Township of New Tecumseth.

The ministry encourages the reuse of excess soil for beneficial uses as long as it can be done in a safe and sustainable way that protects human health and the environment. The Barrie District Office is aware of the filling operations occurring at this site however the ministry does not regulate soil fill sites. Soil filling operations are captured under municipal Site Alteration and Fill By-laws. If you would like to discuss the Town of New Tecumseth's Site Alteration and Fill By-law as to how it relates to the Tottenham Aerodrome site please contact John Miller, Chief Building Official, Town of New Tecumseth at (705)435-3900.

Recently, the ministry's Barrie District Office met on site at the Tottenham Aerodrome with the new owner, the Tottenham Airfield Corporation and was informed of the Public Open House that was held November 1, 2012 at the Tottenham Community Centre. We understand that the intent of the Public Open House was to allow residents and the public an opportunity to review preliminary design drawings of the aerodrome site and as well as provide a forum for questions and answers about the fill site operations.

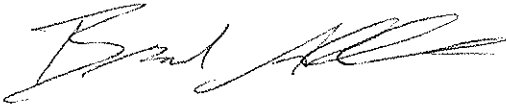
With respect to the quality of the soil entering the site, the property owner has confirmed that Green Soils is managing the fill operations and that only treated soil from Green Soils will be entering the site. The property owner has hired a site Manager to oversee the quality of the fill being received on site and also hired a consultant who has developed operational protocols for receipt and tracking of soil loads. The Ministry is currently reviewing the operational protocols for the site. An engineering firm has also been retained by the property owner to conduct audit sampling of the soil entering the site.

Under the previous ownership, the ministry reviewed soil analytical reports and it was our opinion, based on the data provided, that the soil brought to the site would not cause

an adverse effect to human health or the environment. The ministry also reviewed well records and hydrology of the area and it is the opinion of the ministry that the fill brought to the site will not have any negative impacts to local groundwater or surface water sources. To obtain soil analytical reports from the current property owner please contact Shari Elliott at (705)797-2672.

Thank you for your email, and for your interest in protecting our environment. I hope this information shows that we share your concern for keeping your local environment safe, clean and protected. Should you require further information, please contact me at (705)739-6418.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Allen", written in a cursive style.

Brad Allen
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John Miller, Town of New Tecumseth