

Second email to the Barrie District MOE calling for action -Nov 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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Good day. The Ministry's Nov. 14th response is very much appreciated. Unfortunately, the Ministry letter (attached) does not alleviate the serious concerns regarding the Tottenham Airfield Operations in the Town of New Tecumseth.

**The operational protocol for the fill site at the airfield was only recently developed and was still in draft as of Nov. 1, 2012. The consultant was only hired a week prior to Nov. 1st.** This information does not allow for much confidence in what **has already been deposited on site** during past and present ownership. We understand that the Ministry reviewed "some" soil reports when the property was under the **previous** ownership, however, we would still like to understand **what percentage of the total volume of fill deposited, under the previous ownership, was represented by the soil reports that were reviewed?**

The fill operations at this site (especially the past operations) do not include some of the most minimum standards (recommendations) as set out by the MOE's Best Management Practices Draft Document for Soil Management in Ontario. (eg. absence of QP-especially for past operations)

As well, some very serious considerations with regards to the potential for inappropriate fill being deposited were given in the Oct. 23 Report (attached) from LCCW. The considerations include the lack of a QP on site assuring fill quality, the lack of any outside regulatory agency imposing conditions or auditing operations, evidence of inappropriate fill being deposited in other sites from the same supplier (GFL) that deposited at this site, and so on. The Ministry response provided **does not address these very significant issues** and **how** a review of "some" past soil reports **could ensure** the protection of human and ecological health.

**A rationale providing concrete evidence as to how the Ministry can ensure the local environment around the airfield operations is "safe, clean and protected" would be appreciated.** This request is warranted in light of all the other fill sites referenced in the Oct. 23rd letter that revealed inappropriate materials deposited for similar fill operations, despite, in some cases, **a much more significant amount of professional oversight, management and transparency than at the Tottenham Airfield site.**

Again, we understand that the municipality should be enforcing its by-law and managing the fill, and we are trying to help them to this conclusion. However, **the potential to groundwater impairment and adverse effect on the natural environment is the Ministry's concern.** We feel **there is enough evidence that would indicate this potential exists (Please refer to the Oct. 23 letter to the Ministry by LCCW.)**

**We are asking for a full environmental assessment of this site.** Potential impact to vulnerable aquifers is unacceptable and completely preventable in this case. **Will this Ministry take action to ensure the protection of the environment and the citizens who depend on it? Will the Ministry ensure a full Environmental Phase 2 Site Assessment is completed for this property?**

sincerely,  
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