

Inert Fill Definition Discussion

Definition of Inert Fill taken from MOE Waste Regulation O. Reg. 347

"inert [fill](#)" means earth or rock [fill](#) or waste of a similar nature that contains no putrescible materials or soluble or decomposable chemical substances;

Excerpt from Staff Report: Protecting Toronto's Moraine-Sourced Groundwater City Of Toronto August 27th, 2012, pg. 3

"The movement or transfer of waste material is regulated under Part V of the EPA and Ontario Regulation 347 (the 'Waste Management Regulation').

However, excess soil is exempt from these provisions if it meets the definition of "inert fill", as defined in the Regulation.

Inert fill is defined as 'earth or rock fill or waste of a similar nature that contains no putrescible materials or soluble or decomposable chemical substances'.

The MOE has not provided chemical parameters to define inert fill, nor has MOE created new regulations to manage excess soil, classified as inert fill, leaving development sites."

Excerpt from the Report to the RCCAO re: Impact on Management of Surplus Construction Site Soils and Fill, June 2010, Frank J. E. Zechner, Professional Corporation

"The word 'fill' is not defined in the Environmental Protection Act or its regulations. Nothing is completely insoluble, non-putrescible, and non-decomposable.

Over a long enough period of time, everything will dissolve or decompose to some extent. Soil is frequently contaminated with chemicals deposited as a result of human activity, and earth and rock also contain naturally occurring contaminants such as metals.

The use of the term 'chemical' is puzzling as everything in the world is made up of chemicals, including water, which is the chemical H₂O."