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The Honourable Jim Bradley, M.P.P.
Minister of the Environment
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May 23, 2014

Dear Minister,

We were copied on a March 28th, 2014 letter from the MOE District Manager for York/Durham District Office to Patrick Dovigi of GFL Environmental (Green For Life) regarding 13471 Lakeridge Road known as the Earthworx Site in Scugog.

Our group, the Lakeridge Citizens for Clean Water, represents a community of concerned citizens here in Scugog who have been left with a contaminated site and no understanding if the contaminants present on the property could one day affect their drinking water.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our concerns with the manner in which the MOE is handling this, specifically;

- MOE accepts leaving Table 3 soils in an area of high aquifer vulnerability.
- The groundwater monitoring report has not been made public.
- MOE is not dealing directly with those responsible for the site.

We would like the MOE's rationale for permitting Table 3 soils to remain on this site as the MOE approved GFL workplan only indicates removing soils over Table 3. As well, we would appreciate the rationale for how the deposition of soils above Table 3 in a High Aquifer Vulnerability Area of the Moraine, in a potable groundwater area, within 250 metres of private drinking water wells does not constitute a violation of the EPA.

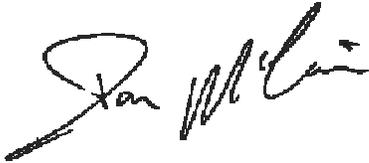
We would appreciate a copy of the September 23, 2013 Groundwater Monitoring Report by D.L. Services for our review and forwarding to potentially affected residents.

We would like to know how the "suggestions" in MOE's March 28th letter to GFL will be enforced for this site, understanding GFL has no legal obligation to take action. We would like to understand how the site's owner, Earthworx Industries, and the permitting municipality, Scugog, are to be held accountable for the contamination at this site.

These three points are explained in more detail in the attached report.

As a community, we have been waiting for over 3 years now to understand the potential for present or future harm to the groundwater that sustains our rural drinking water wells. It is unconscionable that for this rural residential area with vulnerable groundwater, the MOE is merely making remediation suggestions for a site that contains soil contaminated to a level that would not be allowed at an industrial redevelopment site in a city.

We look forward to your response.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian McLaurin'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'I' and a long, sweeping underline.

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