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Re: Tottenham Airfield Fill Site

Dear Carmela Marshall:

Thank you for your December 16, 2012 email and corresponding letters that you provided to the ministry's Barrie District Office that identifies environmental concerns you have with the placement of fill at the Tottenham Aerodrome site in the Township of New Tecumseth. Please accept my response on behalf of the Honourable Jim Bradley.

The ministry's Barrie District Office has met with the Tottenham Airfield Corporation to discuss ongoing filling operations at this site. Soil analytical reports have been reviewed by the ministry and it is our opinion that based on the data provided the soil brought to the site would not cause an adverse effect to human health or the environment. The ministry has also reviewed well records and local hydrology and again, 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.

In your email you also discuss the October 23, 2012 "report" that you previously provided to the ministry. You mention concerns related to other sites at which a company called GFL was depositing soil. The ministry has been assured that GFL is not depositing soil at the Tottenham Airfield site and that all current loads of soil are from Green Soils, which is a completely separate company not related to GFL. You may wish to discuss these site specific issues with the appropriate MOE District Office.

With respect to the quality of the soil entering the Tottenham Aerodrome fill site, the Tottenham Airfield Corporation has confirmed that Green Soils is managing the fill operations and that only non-regulated or treated soil from Green Soils will be entering the site. The ministry has been advised that a qualified professional engineering firm has also been retained to oversee soil quality and soil placement at this site. If you require any background soil analytical reports you can contact the Tottenham Airfield Corporation's solicitor Shari Elliott at (705)797-2672.

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.

You have requested the ministry require a Phase 2 Environmental Assessment be completed, however, based on the above information and the results reviewed to date this will not be requested of the Tottenham Airfield Corporation.

Thank you for your email letter, 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 Cindy Hood, Barrie District Manager, at (705)739-6436 or Brad Allen, Environmental Officer, Barrie District at (705)739-6418.

Sincerely,



per Dolly Goyette
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