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Health Sub-Committee
Newalta Hamilton Landfill Liaison Committee
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RE: Report Regarding Possible Health Study

Dear Members of the Health Sub-Committee,

The City of Hamilton Public Health Services (HPHS) has reviewed the document "Community Health Assessment Review - Newalta Hamilton Landfill based on the 2009 Monitoring Report" (Intrinsic, June/2011). There is no evidence to suggest that either air or leachate quality, as determined from on site monitoring at the Newalta Hamilton Landfill, pose an adverse level of risk to the surrounding community.

HPHS does not believe there is any value in pursuing a community health study at this time based on:

- Our review of the June/2011 report from Intrinsic Environmental Sciences Inc.; and
- The evidence that there is no human exposure at a level of concern as a result of landfill operations; and
- No substantive adverse health outcomes have been reported in association with the operations of the landfill.

Public Health Services recommends that Newalta continue to adhere to requirements set forth under the Provisional Certificate of Approval issued by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. This includes Newalta's ongoing diligence in maintaining good management practices for the landfill operation.

Please feel free to contact Matt Lawson at (905) 546-2424 ext. 5823 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Mackie".

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