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Mr. H.F. Kreplin, P.Eng.
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West Burlington Citizens Group
510-20 North Shore Boulevard
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Dear Mr. Kreplin:

Re: N.S.P. Fact Sheet - December, 1984 and December 4, 1984
Letter, Proctor & Redfern to R. Mohammed, Director
of Planning, Region of Halton

I acknowledge receipt of your letter under date December 18, 1984.

The matter will go to the Solid Waste Management Committee at its meeting on January 14, 1984 and in the meantime your letter has been referred to the Regional consultants and appropriate Regional Staff for their consideration, in particular during the public comments period in the months of January and February when the Draft Stage 2C Report will be out for public discussion.

I trust that is satisfactory.

Yours very truly,

Dennis Y. Perlin
Chief Administrative Officer

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cc R. Mohammed, Director of Planning & Development
P. Walker, Walker, Wright, Young & Assoc.
D. Hodgson, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt

West Burlington Citizen's Group
Solid Waste Committee

December 18th, 1984

To: Dennis Perlin, C.A.O.
Regional Municipality of Halton
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Re: NSP "Fact Sheet" December, 1984, and December 4th, 1984 Letter, Proctor
and Redfern to R. Mohammed, Director of Planning

1. NSP's "Fact Sheet" re: Regional landfill candidate site "F"

Most the so-called facts argue in my view against adding yet another landfill site on the NSP lands, and the NSP statements should not go without challenge.

Referring to the statements by numbers added to them (22):

- 1 & 2 - Prior landfills already are problems, no more should be added.
- 3 - Residences are affected, and there are many of these, where they are.
- 5 - Noise levels get worse for landfilling near the North Service Road.
- 6 - Hydrogeology experts have all testified at the 1984 EPA Hearing that landfills should NOT have been established there in the first place; this location is NOT SAFE as a hydrogeological setting.
- 7 - Poor ground water quality (if in fact poor - ?) argues for not making it worse by adding leachate to it (and the existing plume).
- 9 - The citing of the topographical scar attempts to make a virtue out of past and present neglect of this site which should have been rehabilitated for a long time but was not. NSP has not acted responsibly regarding the environment.
- 10 - Shale removal should remain available, protecting this "resource", similar to other extraction industries in the escarpment area being protected by the Ontario Government.
- 12 - Sewage treatment remains inadequate for leachate treatment, leachate should be handled in a dedicated processing plant designed for those specific requirements. The effluent should be good enough not to require a sewer hook-up.
- 13 - Roads, buildings and weigh scale of the existing landfill site should not continue to be used after the existing site closes. NSP's implied plan is preposterous: New facilities would be needed.
- 14 - Spaces for resource recovery and recycling are not enough to bring these actions into being - And the NSP space would also run out.
- 15 - The potential E.F.W. site nearby was rated least desirable and would be too close to residential and commercial development (Maple).
- 16 - The amount of engineering needed for a safe landfill on NSP's land would probably more than offset any transport cost savings for Burlington, while this site would be far from central to the Region as a whole.
- 17 - There could be no benefit re: leachate from the Bayview site. On the contrary, any leachate monitoring and control would irretrievably obstructed by landfill around Bayview. This must not be allowed to become inaccessible.
- 18 - Expropriation is a question of terms of ownership change, but we feel that a Private Regional Landfill is out of the question.

- 19 - There is some effect on property values now; the addition of a huge further landfill will make the effect so much larger, especially if it were to be a 20 year operation, or even only for 10 years.
- 20 & 21 - The capacity of the site claimed by NSP would be possible only if buffer zones, slope grades and other precautions were to be greatly neglected: This shows a lack of concern for long term compatibility. -

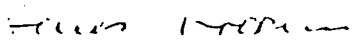
Please take note of these objections to the expressed or implied plans NSP is making. Whether they are followed up now or later, the Region should be and remain aware of these objections.

2. December 4, 1984 Letter, Proctor and Redfern Group to Region of Halton.

While it is claimed on behalf of NSP that the plant species to be protected were reduced from 6 to only 2, this may well remain to be proven. In addition, there is every reason to suspect that the plants removed from the list were eradicated by abuse of these sites from All-terrain vehicles, ie. by a lack of protection. This would appear to make a virtue out of neglect, if indeed these plants cannot be found there any longer.

I propose that the Region determine the actual facts, whether directly or via the Halton Conservation Authority. A protest against continued abuse of the site (other than for legitimate extraction of shale) would also be in order.

We would appreciate if you would distribute these comments to all members of Council and others concerned with the NSP lands, particularly your consultants Walker, Wright, Young and Dillou.


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for W.B.C.G. (S.W.M.C.)