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Attention: Ms. Susan Rogers,
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Dear Ms. Rogers:

Re: Comparative Analysis Work Program

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Further to your telephone conversation today with Steven Rowe of this office, the following are our responses to the questions that were raised by Solid Waste Management Committee with regard to the above work program.

1. The first question regards the use of the word 'criteria' in the work program. In Stage 2C of Halton's Environmental Assessment for Landfill many of the evaluation factors are divided into sub-factors, which are further divided into individual measures or criteria which were applied in evaluating the impacts of each Candidate Site. The use of the word 'criteria' in the work program is intended to indicate that the Comparative Analysis will be undertaken using a similar level of detailed information and analysis to that used in Stage 2C. The use of this word is not intended to indicate any change in the type of process between that used in Stage 2C and the process that will be used in the Comparative Analysis.

The word 'criteria' is not used in the Stage 2C Evaluation and Summary Report because the comparison in this report is generally based on the broader evaluation factors and relative rankings between the sites. The word is, however, used in some of the Stage 2C Technical Reports, as is the word 'measures.' None of the factors, sub-factors, criteria or measures would be changed without a supporting rationale, and it is in any case essential that comparability with the Stage 2C process is maintained.

2. The second question refers to the use of the term 'impact levels' in the Comparative Analysis work program. The Stage 2C Evaluation and Summary Report makes infrequent use of the word 'impact', because it deals primarily with the relative rankings that were established in the Technical Reports. The Technical Reports,

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however, make frequent reference to impact levels because these were required to establish the relative rankings between sites.

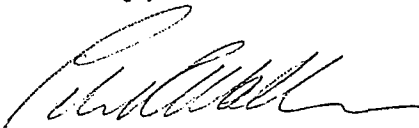
There is potential for some of the impact levels identified in Stage 2C to change based on the new information contained in the Technical Studies, and if this occurs we will need to look at the way in which the relative rankings between Sites 'D' and 'F' are affected.

3. The third question is a request for clarification as to the way in which the results of the Comparative Analysis will be tabulated. We anticipate that the results under each individual factor will be tabulated using a format similar to Charts 1 - 9 in the Stage 2C Evaluation and Summary Report. The comparison of the two sites would be illustrated by a table similar to Table 5 ("The Effects of Selecting Site F in Preference to Site D") in the Stage 2C Evaluation and Summary Report. The tabulations and commentaries would be done in such a way as to enable direct comparison to be made between the results of Stage 2C and the results of the Comparative Analysis.
4. The fourth and final question concerns the appropriateness of a pairing type of analysis when a comparison is being made between two rather than six sites. The pairing analysis used in Stage 2C was, in fact, in each instance made up of individual comparisons between two sites. These individual comparisons enabled the final ranking to be developed. There is no apparent reason why the same procedure cannot be used in the Comparative Analysis, with respect to Site 'D' and Site 'F'.

I regret that I will not be able to attend the Planning and Public Works Committee on October 30, 1986, as you have requested. I am involved in an Ontario Municipal Board hearing that is taking place at the present time which is sitting until 5 p.m. each day. I am aware of the need for councillors to have a clear understanding of the background to the proposed Comparative Analysis, and I hope that the above material will provide sufficient clarification for the Committee's purposes.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Yours truly,



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