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Attention: Ms. Yvonne Lane

Dear Sirs:

Re: Halton Environmental Assessment
Our File No.: 62,181

This letter is being written further to the correspondence of Mr. M. J. McQuaid dated February 26, 1987 in which he suggested that the Joint Board consider adjourning the hearing concerning the Region of Halton's application for a new land fill for one month during the summer vacation. As you are aware this hearing is presently scheduled to commence on Tuesday, May 5, 1987.

On behalf of the Region of Halton we are requesting that the Board adjourn for only two weeks. The process in which the Region of Halton is presently engaged is complexed and protracted. The Region has been working towards resolving its waste disposal problems for many years and now requires that this portion of its efforts be completed as expeditiously as possible. Once the matter goes to a hearing, all parties who are involved share a responsibility to see that the hearing proceeds in a reasonable and appropriate fashion. From time to time we all sacrifice personal convenience to ensure the best possible hearing process. Any delay causes an interruption in the natural flow of a hearing and the development of the evidence which is being produced. A one month vacation is simply too long.

Frankly, as indicated before the two members of the Joint Board who convened the public meeting on February 11, 1987, the Region's view is that no adjournment ought to be necessary in these circumstances. All but one of the principal parties are represented by two lawyers. It is not unreasonable to suggest that they can arrange their vacations around the hearing process. Nonetheless, at the

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preliminary meeting, and recognizing that the same opportunity for substitution is not available to members of the Joint Board, the Region agreed that a two week vacation period was reasonable. We continue to be of this view.

In these circumstances we would ask that the Joint Board considers a two week vacation.

We look forward to the Board's decision.

Yours very truly,

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