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December 8, 2017

Dear Mr. Pickles

Thank you for your November 30, 2017 letter requesting details on the actions taken by ministry staff with respect to the ongoing dust concerns from Norton Road in Ajax.

Ministry staff from the York Durham District office have conducted a number of inspections of facilities located on Notion Road that are regulated by the ministry including Strada Aggregates Inc., Coco Paving (1990) Inc. and Innocon Pickering RMC Plant. We have concluded that dust is being adequately managed at these sites in accordance with their approved dust management plans.

In response to concerns from area resident, the ministry also conducted sampling and analysis of dust collected from one of the impacted residential properties in the area. The results indicate that the material sampled was indicative of road dust rather than the dust that is typically generated from an aggregate crushing operation.

For your information I have attached a copy of the October 19, 2017 letter that was provided by the ministry to one of the area residents. This letter provides a more fulsome summary of the work that was undertaken including site inspections, sampling activities and general observations made during a number of site visits by the ministry to Notion Road.

We have concluded that there are several contributing factors to the dust issues identified by area residents on Norton Road related to unpaved surfaces and road maintenance which are the responsibility of the municipalities. The ministry has made several recommendations to the Town of Ajax and the City of Pickering in order to help reduce or eliminate the dust concerns.

If there are any additional concerns or questions, or if you would like to discuss this further, please contact John Roden, Senior Environmental Officer, York Durham District Office at 905-427-5612 or john.roden@ontario.ca .

Again, thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CD', written in a cursive style.

Celeste Dugas
District Manager
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- c. John Roden, Senior Environmental Officer
- Kristen Sones, District Supervisor
- Shaheen Butt, City Councillor-Ward 3
- Debbie Shields, City Clerk